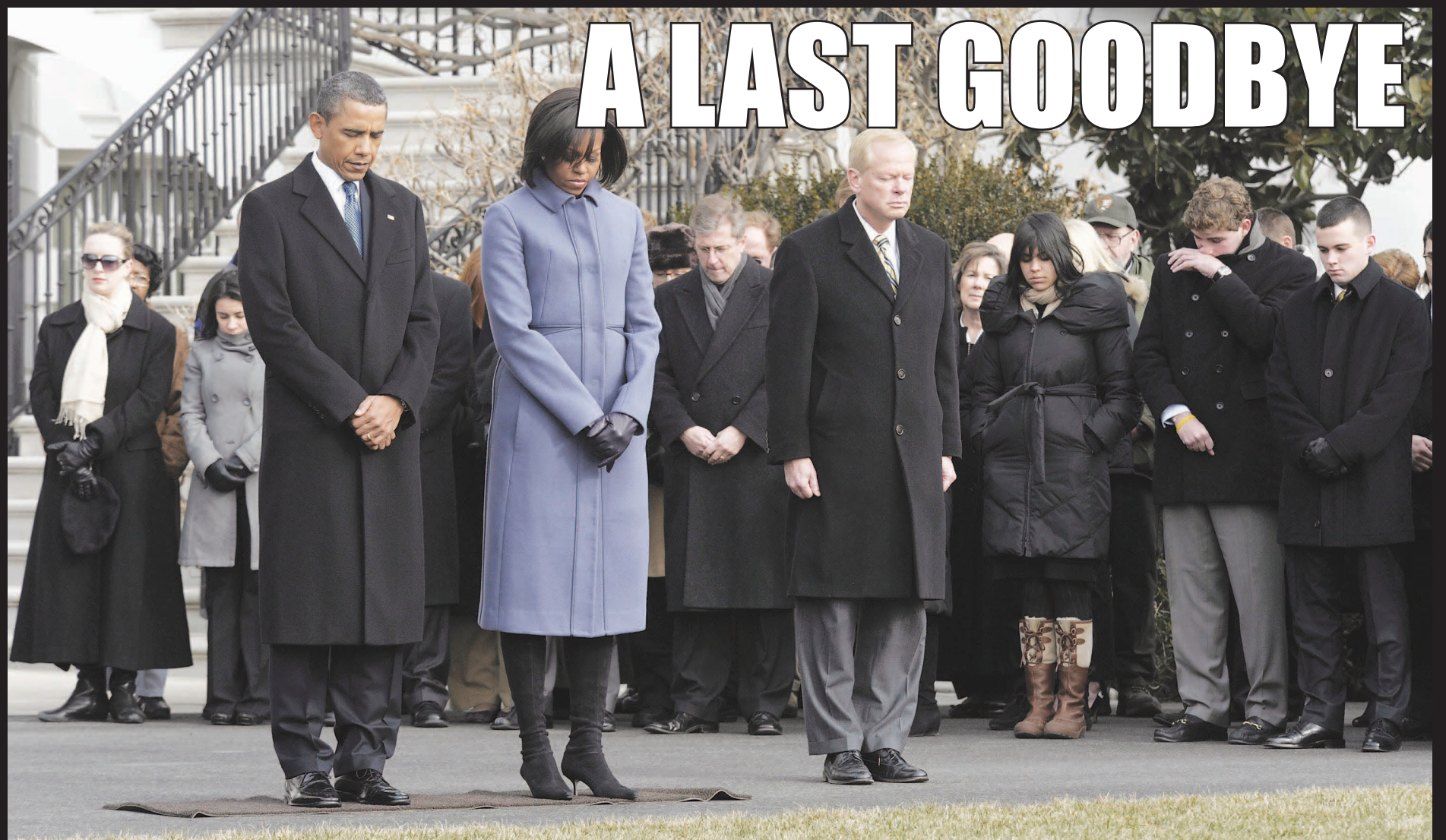


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President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama, and government employees observe a moment of silence on South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, to honor those who were killed and injured in the shooting in Tucson, Ariz. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., is in critical condition after being shot in the head.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)



Unidentified observers of the European Union Election Observation Mission for the Southern Sudan Referendum arrive at a polling center in the city of Um Durman, Sudan Monday, Jan. 10, 2011. Southern Sudan's military spokesman says 20 policemen in the disputed north-south region of Abyei have been killed and 30 more wounded in two attacks by Arab tribesmen and militia.

Associated Press

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## Congresswoman raises 2 fingers, gives thumbs-up

### *Could Arizona shooting have been prevented?*

U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) is seen in an 2006 EMILY's List photo made available for Reuters, January 9, 2011. Giffords was battling for her life on Sunday after an assailant shot her in the head and killed six others as she met with constituents in Tucson. The 40-year-old Democratic lawmaker was in critical condition and doctors were cautiously optimistic she would survive. The suspected gunman was in federal custody as investigators sought a motive in the rare shooting of a U.S. lawmaker and looked for a possible accomplice.



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# Congresswoman raises 2 fingers, gives thumbs-up



Dr. G. Michael Lemole, Jr., left, speaks about the condition of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., as Dr. Peter Rhee looks on at University Medical Center during a news conference in Tucson, Ariz., Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011. Giffords was shot in the head the Saturday during a speech at a local supermarket.

(AP Photo/Chris Carlson)

By ALICIA CHANG,  
AP Science Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Doctors treating Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords said Monday the congresswoman was responding to verbal commands by raising two fingers of her left hand and even managed to give a thumbs-up.

Giffords, 40, is in critical condition in the intensive care unit of Tucson's University Medical Center after she was shot through the head Saturday during a meet-and-greet with voters outside a supermarket. Two patients were discharged Sunday night. Eight others, including Giffords, remained hospitalized.

Recent CAT scans showed no further swelling in the brain, but doctors were guarded.

"We're not out of the woods yet," said her neurosurgeon Dr. Michael Lemole.

"That swelling can sometimes take three days or five days to maximize. But every day that goes by and we don't see an increase, we're slightly more optimistic."

After Saturday's operation to temporarily remove half of her skull, doctors over the past two days had Giffords removed from her sedation and then asked basic commands such as: "Show me two fingers."

"When she did that, we were having a party in there," said Dr. Peter Rhee. "That's a

purposeful movement. That's a great thing. She's always grabbing for the tube."

Giffords family is by her side and is receiving constant updates from doctors. On Monday, two well-known doctors with extensive experience in traumatic brain injury were en route to Tucson to help consult on

Giffords' case.

Doctors had said the bullet traveled the length of the left side of the congresswoman's brain, entering the back of the skull and exiting the front. Her doctors have declined to speculate on what specific disabilities Giffords may face as her recovery progresses. As for the other shooting

victims who suffered injuries to the face, neck, stomach and other parts of the body, doctors said most will have a normal recovery.

To ensure that they don't suffer post-traumatic stress, depression or other problems, teams of experts will guide them through the next phase. □

## Could Arizona shooting have been prevented?



WASHINGTON — Jared Lee Loughner, the 22-year-old Arizona man charged with killing six people and injuring 12 others, including U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords, clearly scared more than a few people.

Instructors at his college, as well as friends and neighbors, have said they expressed concerns about Loughner's behavior in the months before he opened fire at a gathering at a Tucson shopping mall on Saturday.

Could Loughner have been stopped? Psychiatrists see several problems: a lack of resources for mental health services in the United States, ignorance about mental illness and a society that opposes the idea of forcibly treating people.

"We can't lock people up for being troubling," said Dr. Victor Schwartz, a specialist in campus mental health and dean of students at Yeshiva University in New York.

"While his behavior seemed to be disturbing, there is not any indication (he posed) a direct or imminent danger.

One thing that will come up -- are mentally ill folks more violent because of mental illness and the answer is no." Pima Community College said on its website that Loughner withdrew in October after being suspended, saying he had "five contacts" with campus police.

"A follow-up letter was sent to him October 7, 2010, indicating that if he intends to return to the College, he must resolve his Code of Conduct violations and obtain a mental health clearance indicating, in the opinion of a mental health professional, his presence at the College does not present a danger to himself or others," the statement reads.

It is not clear whether Loughner sought treatment, but several experts said many people his age go untreated for mental illness.

### MENTAL HEALTH GAP

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, 20 percent of U.S. youths are affected at some point in their lives by serious mental disorders.

But only 36 percent of mentally troubled youth get professional services, and 60 percent of them are treated for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

"Nationwide, the mental health care system is broken. Arizona, like other states, has deeply cut mental health services," the National Alliance on Mental Illness said in a statement.

"Arizona has a broad civil commitment law to require treatment if it is needed;

however, the law cannot work if an evaluation is never conducted or mental health services are not available."

Dr. Alexander Young of the University of California Los Angeles said some descriptions of Loughner's behavior indicate psychosis, although he stressed he had no first-hand knowledge of the case.

"People with psychotic diseases often do not get treated until years into having problems," Young said in a telephone interview.

A few recent cases have made international headlines -- the 2007 case of Virginia Tech student Seung-Hui Cho, who killed himself and 32 others despite having been judged an "imminent danger," and the 1999 case of two boys who killed 12 students and a teacher at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.

"These are rare occurrences but on the other hand, in many cases, services are unavailable and there is a lack of education about how to get the services and what mental illness is," said Michael Fitzpatrick of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Schwartz noted many community mental health centers are funded by Medicaid, the state-federal health insurance plan.

"The community system, they do a very good job but the resources are limited," he said. "We all know that most states are cutting their Medicaid budgets right now and one of the first things that people look at is mental health." □

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# Arizona rampage renews issue of gun screenings

LOS ANGELES — The deadly shooting spree in Tucson, Arizona, has renewed questions about a U.S. system that relies on personal background checks at the time of gun sales to keep firearms out of the hands of disturbed people. Despite evidence that the suspect in Saturday's rampage, Jared Lee Loughner, engaged in bizarre, disruptive behavior well before the shooting, police said he legally purchased the gun used in the attack at a sporting goods store.

"The troubles of the Tucson shooter are more proof that we make it too easy for dangerous and irresponsible people to get guns in this country," said Paul Helmke, president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. Federal law bars possession of firearms by anyone found by a court or other legal authority to be a danger to themselves or others. Convicted felons, fugitives and people with a record of drug addiction also are banned from owning guns. There has been no evidence that Loughner, who has been accused of gravely wounding a congresswoman and killing six bystanders on Saturday, had ever been formally judged to be mentally ill. But even if he had been, the former college student might have passed a background check when screened for his gun purchase.

## SLOW FURNISHING RECORDS

That is because many states, including Arizona, have been slow in furnishing



mental health records to the FBI database used in flagging prospective gun buyers prohibited from owning firearms.

U.S. Justice Department figures show that just a tiny fraction less than one percent of individuals denied a gun purchase nationwide since the system went into effect in 1998 were disqualified for psychiatric reasons.

State privacy laws have been cited as a chief impediment to greater sharing of mental health records, though experts say the situation has improved since enactment of a law in 2008 to bolster the screening network.

"The background check system is only as good as the records in it, and there are holes still in the system. But it's definitely better than before," said Jim Kessler, a policy executive and co-founder of the Washington think tank Third Way.

In yet another loophole of the system, federal law and most states require no background checks for individuals who buy a weapon from private sellers at gun shows.

Loughner, 22, purchased a semi-automatic Glock pistol the gun used in Saturday's shooting -- from a licensed gun dealer in Tucson in late November, authorities said.

Asked whether a history of erratic behavior had come to light when Loughner was screened for his gun purchase, Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik said on Sunday, "I do not know the answer to that question."

Now charged with the attempted assassination of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Loughner has emerged as a profoundly troubled young man. Dupnik described him as mentally unstable and known to have made death threats in the past.

Pima Community College said it suspended Loughner after a series of run-ins with campus police and the emergence of an online video he made that officials found "very disturbing." But there apparently is no record of Loughner being judged as posing a danger to himself or others or being unable to manage his

own affairs.

Helmke of the Brady Campaign said gun laws in Arizona, among the most permissive in the nation, make it especially easy for almost anyone to obtain a firearm.

## ARIZONA'S LOOSE GUN LAWS

Arizona is one of only three states that allow residents to carry loaded, concealed guns without a special background check, and recently passed a law to allow guns in bars.

Sheriff Dupnik, too, spoke out against laws in Arizona that allow virtually "everybody in this state (to) carry weapons under any circumstances." But he also said the nation's judicial system in general has made it more difficult over the years to lock up people deemed to be a danger to society.

"Back in 1960 when I was a young cop on the beat, we put mentally ill people who were threats into a system that incarcerated them. Today they're out on the street, and we're paying a price for it," he said.

The shooting spree in Tucson on Saturday came on the third anniversary of enactment of a 2008 U.S. law designed to boost efforts at preventing dangerously mentally ill people from obtaining guns.

Passage of that bill to strengthen the background check system was prompted when a deranged gunman killed himself and 32 others in April 2007 at Virginia Tech University the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history.

It turned out that the Virginia Tech shooter, university student Seung-Hui Cho, had been judged an "imminent danger" to himself and others. But that court finding was not submitted to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

Since the 2008 measure to bolster the system became law, the number of records entered in the FBI registry of people deemed by courts to be dangerously mentally ill has more than doubled to about 1 million.

But that tally is still less than half of the total number of people over 2 million -- estimated to have been so adjudicated in the United States, the Brady Campaign says.

Arizona, for example, has submitted more than 4,400 names of persons ineligible to buy guns due to mental illness since 2008, a fraction of the nearly 122,000 estimated to have been officially judged dangerously mentally ill in the state since 1989, according to figures compiled by the Brady Campaign. □

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# Snow and ice leave 4 dead, shut down Deep South

ATLANTA, Georgia – Snow and ice carpeted much of the Deep South on Monday, leaving four people dead, cutting off power to thousands and closing countless roads, authorities said.

Up to nine inches of snow fell in highland parts of the South with lesser amounts in North and South Carolina, Tennessee, and Mississippi, but authorities said a bigger problem was icy roads.

“Bad everywhere,” is how Nicholas Stembridge of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, described roads in his state.

One person died overnight in a weather-related accident in Coaling, western Alabama, and a second died in Lowndes county, central Alabama, according to Yasamie Richardson, spokesman for the Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

Two others died in on icy roads in northern Louisiana,

authorities said.

“Any time you have ice on the road it is more of a concern than snow,” Richardson said.

Georgia and Alabama have declared states of emergency, freeing up resources for local government use if necessary. Authorities have also closed schools and government offices across Georgia and in parts of Alabama, South Carolina and Mississippi.

“We are seeing the ice accumulation across the middle part of the state increasing so roads are deteriorating. But hopefully the lack of folks on the road will lessen the need for emergency services,” said Ken Davis, spokesman for Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

Authorities canceled a storm warning for north Georgia, but the storm was expected to continue north up the coast, possibly hitting New York

City with 6 to 12 inches of snow, the National Weather Service said.

A winter storm watch was in effect for most of the northeastern coast.

Boston could get hit with 12 to 15 inches of snow, the weather service said. The brunt of the storm was expected to strike on Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning, disrupting travel, the weather service said.

Delta, the dominant carrier at Atlanta’s Hartsfield-Jackson airport, canceled more than 1,450 flights, including those operated by its regional affiliates.

Spokesman Anthony Black said the figure represented about 25 percent of all planned Delta flights for the day.

AirTran Holdings Inc spokesman Christopher White said the discount carrier canceled 330 flights on Monday.

Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi pride themselves on relatively balmy winters and are consequently often less well prepared for winter weather but authorities have been warning residents for days of an impending storm, Davis said.

He added that at least 30 state highways and countless minor or suburban roads were closed.



## FOOTBALL-OBSESSED STATE

South Carolina woke up to snow, sleet and black ice on roadways all the way to the coast. Accumulations of 9 inches were reported in the state’s upper northwest corner, with 4-6 inches reported in Greenville.

Charlotte Douglas Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina, posted flight delays of 57 minutes average.

State offices and schools in upstate South Carolina including Greenville were closed and state capital Columbia expected up to an inch-and-a-half of ice, authorities said.

The Blood Connection in Greenville asked for blood donations to restock an inventory depleted by illness and recent inclement weather. Many Tennessee interstates

were down to one lane, though the only section closed overnight was I-24 over Monteagle Mountain in the southeast of the state. Snow made a winding section through mountains impassable for a time.

In Alabama, Huntsville airport in the north of the state was closed while Birmingham Airport was working to clear one runway. In Mississippi, up to eight inches of snow was reported in northern parts of the state.

But for many in Alabama, the most acute fear was of power outages that could prevent a football-obsessed state watching tonight’s BCS Bowl game between the Auburn Tigers and the Oregon Ducks. Local sports websites contained information on how to rig up a battery-operated TV set just in case.



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# Ex-House leader DeLay gets 3-year prison term

By Kelley Shannon

AUSTIN, Texas — Former House of Representatives Republican Leader Tom DeLay was sentenced to three years in prison on Monday after a jury found him guilty of money laundering and conspiracy.

Senior Judge Pat Priest sentenced DeLay, 63, to a

five-year sentence for money laundering and three years for conspiracy for a scheme to illegally funnel money to Republican Texas candidates in 2002.

The judge allowed DeLay to serve 10 years probation in lieu of the five-year term, but ordered him to serve the three-year term with no probation.

"Judge, I can't be remorseful for something I don't think I did," DeLay said at the hearing before Priest handed down the sentence. "I fought the fight, ran the race and kept the faith."

Due to a potentially lengthy appeals process, it could be years before DeLay serves time, prosecutor Gary Cobb



# Washington ranks as most well-read city

WASHINGTON — The nation's political capital is the nation's reading capital as well, according to a study released on Monday.

Washington, Seattle, Minneapolis, Atlanta, and Pittsburgh, in that order, are the country's most literate, the study from Central Connecticut State University found.

It assessed the country's top reading cities in terms of newspaper circulation, number of bookstores, library resources, periodical publishing resources, educational attainment, and Internet resources.

"This set of factors measures people's use of their literacy and thus presents a large-scale portrait of our nation's cultural vitality," said Jack Miller, primary author of the study and Central Connecticut State president.

"From this data we can better perceive the extent and quality of the long-term literacy essential to individual economic success, civic participation, and the quality of life in a community and a nation," he said.

This long term view has researchers worried about current literacy trends. Newspaper readership and circulation has plummeted since the annual survey of



most literate cities began in 2003, and bookstores are disappearing, the report said.

In Minneapolis, where there were 14 independent bookstores for every 10,000 people, there are now only six, while Boston has gone from nine per 10,000 to three. Nationwide the number has gone from nine to six.

While in cyberspace, online purchase of books is increasing, it is not making up for an overall decline in reading, the study suggests. Online book purchases have grown in the survey by an average of 83 percent since 2007.

Researchers said public libraries have remained a bastion of literacy.

"Even in these economically embattled times, many cities appear to be providing their citizens with rich resources for

developing and maintaining literate behaviors," Miller said.

While examining reading habits, the study does not factor in illiteracy rates, where the District of Columbia does not do so well. One study by the State Education Agency in 2007 found over one-third of adult D.C. residents were functionally illiterate.

However, university spokesman Mark McLaughlin told Reuters that the study "doesn't measure literacy in terms of whether people can read; it measures literate practices, that is, whether people do read." □



said.

DeLay, dubbed "The Hammer" for his hard-driving style, was found guilty on November 24 of conspiring to illegally funnel \$190,000 in corporate campaign donations to Republican candidates for the Texas Legislature in the 2002 elections.

Dick DeGuerin, DeLay's attorney, said he plans to appeal the conviction and the sentence. "This will not stand," DeGuerin told reporters as he left the courtroom.

As his wife and daughter cried openly, DeLay was led out of the courtroom by deputies, but he is expected to remain free after posting bond.

Prosecutors said DeLay's sentence was appropriate.

"Corporate contributions are illegal in Texas, and you can't give them to candidates directly and you can't give them to candidates indirectly," Travis County District

Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg said. A former owner of a pest control company, DeLay was elected to the House of Representatives in 1984 and rose eventually to the No. 2 position in the chamber behind the speaker. He earned a reputation as a master vote-counter and prolific fundraiser. In 1994, DeLay was part of "Republican Revolution" that won control of the House for the first time in 40 years. He then won the job of House majority whip, making him the chamber's third-ranking Republican, and became the party leader in 2005.

He resigned from the House in 2006 amid links with Jack Abramoff, a former Republican lobbyist snared in a federal investigation of influence peddling on Capitol Hill. Two of DeLay's ex-aides pleaded guilty to corruption. DeLay denied any wrongdoing. □

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# Not guilty pleas in Detroit corruption case



DETROIT — A federal judge on Monday entered not guilty pleas to racketeering, extortion, and a slew of other charges on behalf of imprisoned former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, his father and three co-defendants. Kilpatrick, a 40-year-old Democrat who was considered a rising star before resigning

as mayor in 2008, stood mute when asked for a plea to the charges in a wide-ranging 38-count federal indictment that could send him to jail for 30 years. U.S. Magistrate Mark Randon entered not guilty pleas on behalf of Kilpatrick and the others, and released all but Kilpatrick on bond.

Kilpatrick is in the midst of serving a 14-month sentence for violating the terms of his 2008 probation on state convictions for perjury and obstruction of justice, said a spokesman for the U.S. attorney in Detroit.

Kilpatrick's lawyer has said the twice-elected former mayor plans to fight the charges.

The federal charges brought last year allege Kilpatrick rigged millions of dollars in sewer, security, demolition and other city work for friend and contractor Bobby Ferguson, who is also charged.

Kilpatrick was also charged with extorting a businessman seeking to build a casino in Detroit as well as illegally evading taxes and filing false returns.

Charged as well in the wide-ranging federal probe were Bernard Kilpatrick, the former mayor's father described as a

consultant, the city's former water and sewer director Victor Mercado, and Kilpatrick's former aide Derrick Miller.

Another judge set a hearing for April 13 in the case, and appointed lawyers for Bernard Kilpatrick and Victor Mercado.

Prosecutors have secured several guilty pleas and agreements to testify from business people and former city administration figures, the spokesman said.

The scheme dubbed The Kilpatrick Enterprise by prosecutors netted the former mayor hundreds of thousands of dollars from bribes and diverted donated money intended for charitable causes and his campaign, according to the indictment.

Kilpatrick's mother, congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, lost her bid for reelection in November in what political analysts said

was a likely backlash over her son's legal problems.

Kilpatrick spent the money illegally to pay personal expenses everything from counter-surveillance and anti-bugging equipment to yoga and golf lessons, car purchases and camp for his children, according to the indictment. Kilpatrick also allegedly took tens of thousands of dollars worth of free flights to Florida, Bermuda and elsewhere, paid for by businesses seeking city contracts, it said.

Under a 2008 plea deal, Kilpatrick resigned as Detroit mayor, spent four months in jail, agreed to pay \$1 million to the city and surrendered his law license.

He also pleaded guilty to two felony charges stemming from his role in the city's \$8.4 million settlement of a whistleblower lawsuit brought by two fired police officers. □

# 9-year-old shooting victim was aspiring politician

TUCSON, Ariz. — A memorial of ribbons, stuffed animals and flowers grew steadily Monday for the youngest victim of the weekend shooting spree, a third-grader whose patriotism was inspired by a national tragedy on the day she was born Sept. 11, 2001.

Those who knew Christina Taylor Green said the precocious 9-year-old's interest in government was the reason she attended the event Saturday that left five others dead and Rep. Gabrielle Giffords gravely wounded.

"She was all about helping people and being involved. It's so tragic," her mother, Roxanna Green, told the Arizona Daily Star. "She went to learn and then someone with so much hatred in their heart took the lives of innocent people." Stuffed bears and ribbons pink, lavender, yellow were tied to a chain-link fence Monday outside Mesa Verde Elementary School, where Christina had only recently been elected to the student council.

Candles, signed cards and a wooden cross with the words "Christina" and "Hope" lay

against the fence; a baseball cap with the message "We will miss you Christina" was tied with a yellow ribbon. Nearby, students hugged one another, some weeping, as they left flowers and handwritten messages.

With tears welling up in her eyes, Amanda Stinnett recalled Christina as a sweet girl who sometimes played with her own two children and often greeted her with a "Hi, Mrs. Stinnett."

"She'd always be smiling," she said. "My youngest said 'She was so nice Mommy. She always let me play with her,'" Stinnett said. At the same time, she said Christina seemed mature for her age and with a sharp vocabulary.

"It seemed like she was a grown adult," Stinnett said.

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Standing beneath a waving American flag lowered to half-staff, Associate Superintendent Todd Jaeger said the goal Monday was to keep things as normal as possible for students.

Teachers met with a team of psychologists to discuss how to talk to the children about Christina's death.

"One of the things we know is that we have to be honest with kids and answer their questions," he said. "We need to answer those questions without adding to their angst." Christina enjoyed swimming with her 11-year-old brother Dallas and loved animals, singing, dancing and gymnastics, her mother said. She also had hopes of being the first woman to play major league baseball.

Christina was featured in a book called "Faces of Hope" that chronicled one baby from each state born on the day terrorists killed nearly 3,000 people.

The author, Christine Naman of Monroeville, Pa., said the fact that Christina was



linked to both events was "particularly tragic."

"I can't believe how a beautiful young life was taken in such an awful, awful way," Naman said.

The girl had told her parents she wanted to attend Penn State and have a career that involved helping those less fortunate. She was the only girl on her Canyon del Oro Little League baseball team and played second base. John Green said his daughter wanted to be the first woman to play major league baseball. The game was in her blood. Her dad is a scout for the Los Angeles Dodgers and her grandfather, former big league pitcher Dallas Green, managed

the 1980 world champion Philadelphia Phillies.

"She was a strong girl, a very good athlete," Roxanna Green told the newspaper. "She was interested in everything. She got a guitar for Christmas so her next thing was learning to play guitar."

John Green recalled making his daughter an omelet with bacon and cheese for breakfast Saturday morning and kissing her goodbye as a neighbor took her to the event to meet Giffords. Hours later, Green was at University Medical Center with his wife and son, with a doctor telling them the girl he called "Princess" was dead from a gunshot wound to the chest. □



# LOCAL Aruba TODAY

## Primrose is on the look-out for friends and family members



ORANJESTAD - We would like to introduce Primrose to you, one of the donkeys living at the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary. She is only four months old, but she is a handful! Together with the other babies Thunder and Boefie she is living it up in her stable. Primrose is the daughter of Eenoog (One Eye) and she is a Sunday's child, hence her chicque name. She is a beauty: a brown donkey. Sometimes she is so funny, especially when she tries to copy the other donkeys. Primrose is at her funniest when she does the high kick, something new in her arsenal. Because she is not too steady on her legs, she runs the risk of falling over when she does that. That happens regularly, to the delight of visitors and volunteers alike. It is the cutest thing! Other than that she is doing fine and enjoys her life among the others to the hilt. Primrose has a chip, just like the other donkeys. This way she can be recognized and all her medical information is on it. The donkeys at the sanctuary are well-cared for: they get their food and drink and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers. The volunteers try to cover the cost through organizing all kinds of activities and by selling nice souvenirs in the store. Fortunately there are visitors who adopt a donkey now and then, who donate money or who buy something in the store. They help keep the sanctuary afloat that way.

The volunteers are now looking for people who wish to adopt Primrose. She will stay at the sanctuary, of course; the only thing that is needed is that AWG. 30,-- per month is paid for her keep. In this way you help support this wonderful donkey as well as the sanctuary. You will receive a nice document and a super T-shirt. And if you like, your name and photo will be posted on our website.

Please call the shelter at 595-2933 and become Primrose's new family member; you can also register as an adoptive parent via our website [www.arubadonkey.org](http://www.arubadonkey.org) or deposit a donation on our Aruba Bank account 40.03.025. Please help! □

*Benefiting FAVI for the vision impaired and the blind*

## Divi Links & Divi IMPACT conclude a fundraising golf tournament



**DIVI LINKS** – A great number of local players and visitors enjoyed the first golf tournament of the year at Divi Links, dedicated to FAVI, caring for the vision impaired and blind persons on Aruba. On hand to support the commendable initiative, Managing Director Alex Nieuwmeier and his management team. The tournament was organized by Divi IMPACT -- Improving Motivating and Providing the Aruban Community Together -- a not for profit foundation designed to improve the quality of external and internal community service at Divi's five resort properties on the island. IMPACT President Carol Jansen explained that funds for community service are generated via voluntary employee salary deductions, matched by Divi Resort Corporation, and by charitable events, such as the golf tournament.

FAVI clients also participated in the event, presented with delicious cocktails and lovely hors d'oeuvres during the award ceremony at Mulligan's Gold Café, Bar & Restaurant.

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# Divi Links & Divi IMPACT conclude a fundraising golf tournament



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The tournament presented a total of Awg 4,165.20 to FAVI, an organization which serves over 250 vision impaired and the blind persons here, ranging in age from a few months to almost 100 years.

First place winners Gallardo Rafael and Roelofs Valk Jan received a complimentary weekend stay at one of Divi's fine resorts; second place winners Sayers John and Barney Brian received Sunday Brunch at Windows on Aruba.

FAVI's Wilhelmina Thiel thanked Divi IMPACT and Divi Links warmly, for the excellent gesture and for helping make the life of the visually impaired and blind more joyful and more meaningful. Closet to the Pin Neil Russell

and Longest Drive Pim Smits, each received a complimentary massage from Indulgence Spa.

Pictured here the donation presented to Director Cetty Baarh-Bijlhoudt, and the award ceremony. □





Flowers for the staff!

# Papillon earns second-best rating in restaurant reviews



PALM BEACH - The Restaurant more than excellent staffers at Papillon earned the bouquets of

flowers handed out by the management of Mise en Place Holding last Friday afternoon. The restaurant scored second-best in 2010 Top 5 Best Restaurants list on the [www.restaurantsaruba.com](http://www.restaurantsaruba.com) website, a fact which was duly celebrated. The website, which lists the best restaurants on the island through a rating system, is much-visited by tourists as well as locals. Papillon scored an amazing 9.6 points, the same as the number one restaurant; however, the winner had more excellent accumulated reviews than Papillon.

[www.restaurantsaruba.com](http://www.restaurantsaruba.com), 'Your on-line dining guide', has a section which indicates the top 5 rated restaurants per year; a top 10 list shows restaurants that have received good reviews throughout the years with the



rating and number of reviews listed. Papillon is a relatively new kid on the block, with just two years in business. The theme-based restaurant has gotten rave reviews from the moment it opened its doors in The Village, across from the Radisson Resort. Now, with the number one spot clearly in sight, the staff is even more motivated to excel.

"2011 is the year of Papillon,"

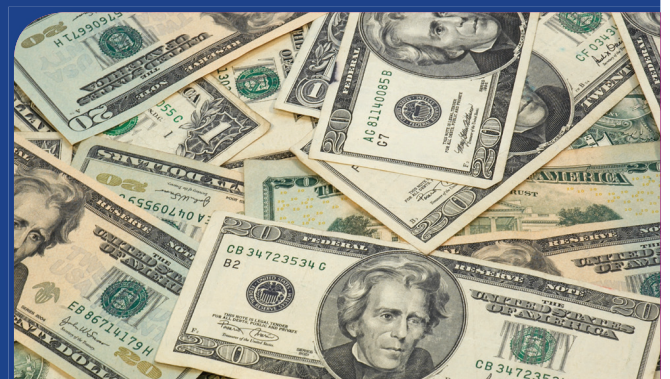
promised manager Tina van Mal her employees in her congratulatory speech. "We are going for it!"

All in all, it was a very happy day at Papillon last Friday, as you can see from the photos, which show the Papillon staff with their lovely flowers and chef Bas, waiter Leon and manager Tina van Mal eyeing the good news at [www.restaurantsaruba.com](http://www.restaurantsaruba.com). □

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# Official delegation visits U.S. F.O.L

CURACAO - On Friday afternoon, January 7, Commander of the U.S. Forward Operating Location (FOL), Lieutenant Colonel Brian Bell along with his staff and U.S. Consul General Valerie Belon hosted Prime Minister Gerrit Schotte, four other Curacao Government Ministers, and the Foreign Affairs Director for a briefing and tour of the FOL.

Briefing PM Schotte, Deputy PM Charles Cooper, Justice Minister Elmer Wilsoe, Finance Minister George Jamaloodin, Economy Minister Abdul Nasser el



and hand-off suspect vessels and aircraft to local authorities. Information is shared so that, depending on the legal jurisdiction, the appropriate local authorities can interdict, apprehend, and prosecute drug trafficking crime all around the region. In 2010 alone, these efforts resulted in over \$3 billion worth of drug seizures.

After the briefing, PM Schotte, the ministers, and the Foreign Affairs Director received a tour of the FOL facilities including a U.S. Air Force AWACs aircraft currently in Curacao to support counter-drug operations. □



Hakim, and Foreign Affairs Director Joelle de Jong-Mercelina, Lt.Col. Bell emphasized the exclusively counter-drug mission of the FOL supporting a multi-agency, multinational effort to combat illegal drug trafficking in the region.



Lt.Col. Bell also briefed the group on the significant contributions the FOL has made to the Hato International Airport including ramp and taxiway improvements, runway maintenance, training for airport firefighters, and programs to reduce the risk of bird strikes which can endanger aircraft. He also explained the large contributions the FOL makes to the local economy providing dozens of jobs and purchasing millions of dollars worth of goods and services locally as well as volunteer community service projects.



Consul General Belon emphasized how combating illegal drug trafficking is a common challenge of all countries of the region and the FOL plays an important role to detect, monitor,





# Ms. Deborah Sachare honored at the Playa Linda Resort



PALM BEACH - Recently at the Playa Linda Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba

enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title.

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Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Playa Linda Resort, where they call their home away from home. Ms. Deborah Sachare was honored as a Distinguished Visitor after coming to Aruba for more then 10 years .

Pictured: Mr. Ricardo Croes together with Deborah and families and also Ivette from Playa Linda Resort. □

## William Wilson wins a Jackpot at Cool Casino



PALM BEACH – The excitement was so great, that our photographer's picture came out blurry. But what is crystal clear is the cash, a jackpot of \$1,440! Wilson, from the USA, a guest of the Riu Palace, landed the bonanza on his 4th visit to the island, as he walked into Cool Casino immediately after dinner and deposited some

coins in his favorite metal-head.

Then bells started ringing, at 8:43 pm, announcing his second jackpot, first for this year, he already cashed in one last year, say Jolanda Salas, Hostess, Cool Casino, pictured here with Wilson. □



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## HUMAN HINTS

### A Relationship Is Not Necessary

Have you noticed that most societies are geared toward relationships? In general, girls are taught that they're failures if they don't have a man. Both men and women endure relentless pressure from all angles, to find someone. We are both taught to value our selves based on the partner we can get and keep. Focusing on finding someone misses the point. Other people cannot complete us. It is important to know our selves before we find someone else. Love your self without arrogance, and others will love you without control.

It is alright to be alone. There is nothing wrong with loving, valuing and cherishing your self and your time alone.

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I'm not saying you have to be alone. We're as unique as we are similar. If you want an intimate relationship, so be it. If you want to be alone, so be that too! Both situations offer a chance to learn about your self, when approached with the right attitude.

My point is that you don't need to be with someone. You're not a loser if you're alone. There's not something wrong with you just because you prefer solitude over company. You might just be onto something. Maybe you're getting to know yourself in a way that other people aren't familiar with. Don't let their discomfort stop you from finding your self in your way.

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# Hefner Takes Playboy Private

WASHINGTON, DC – Playboy founder Hugh Hefner is taking his financially troubled adult entertainment company private. Hefner's Icon Acquisition Holdings has purchased Playboy for an estimated \$207 million, winning out against a competing \$210 million bid from the owner of rival Penthouse.

Playboy launched in 1953 and went public in 1971 after a period of rapid expansion under Hefner's leadership, but has struggled in recent years with sagging circulation and advertising revenue, as it increasingly competes with free adult entertainment online.

Commentators have greeted the news with the inevitable jokes about a private Playboy, along with some serious analysis:

Playboy: Bad Business, Good Perks, observes Hamilton Nolan at Gawker: "Now Hugh Hefner can live out the remainder of his days as the king of Playboy, having group sex with well-compensated bottle blondes in his palace of poop."

Typical Hefner, jokes Corky Siemaszko at the New York Daily News: He "doesn't want to share his favorite plaything with anybody and we're not talking about bombshell fiancée Crystal Harris."

A Bygone Industry, adds



Deadline Hollywood's Nikki Finke: "Let's face it, all that free Internet porn has made the beleaguered Playboy empire into as old a fogie as its founder."

Playboy At Crossroads, states Rob Cox at Reuters:

It isn't just that the magazine business has lost its footing with advertisers. The peddling of pornography has changed dramatically and left Playboy's trademark tamer approach in trouble. The company is at a decisive crossroads: it must decide whether to go for broke

in the titillation department or become a brand business. Either route is fraught with danger.

Company Has a New Strategic Vision, points out Kent Bernhard Jr. at Portfolio. He explains that the deal represents a "return to Hefner's entrepreneurial roots" and adds that the company's strategy "is to go well beyond the humble magazine featuring naked models and strong articles and turn Playboy into a brand management company." □



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# APNewsBreak: New count hits Haiti gov't candidate

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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — An international monitoring team will recommend that Haiti's government-backed candidate be eliminated from a presidential runoff election in favor of a popular musician who finished a close third in the contested official results, according to a copy of its report obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The report by a team from the Organization of American States team was to be presented on Monday to President Rene Preval.

The report had not been released publicly, but the AP obtained a copy and a foreign official with direct knowledge of the report confirmed its conclusions. A second foreign official confirmed that the report was in its final stages of editing and translation into French, but that the conclusion would stand.

Haitian electoral officials must make the final decision on what to do, but the team's recommendations could weigh heavily. Three candidates believe they should advance to a second-round vote. Rioting broke out in several Haitian cities when the preliminary results were announced.

Preval is not expected to respond publicly until after Wednesday's one-year anniversary of the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake.

The second round was originally scheduled for Sunday Jan. 16 but was delayed in part because electoral officials were waiting for the results of the OAS review aimed at solving the deadlock. Officials have said that the earliest it can be held is next month.

The experts found that tens of thousands more votes than previously thought should be discarded because polling-place officials did not follow procedures or because there were signs that the tally sheets had been altered.

"After a thorough statistical analysis ... the Expert Mission has determined that it cannot support the preliminary results of the presidential elections released on Dec. 7, 2010," the report said.

According to the review, carnival singer Michel Martelly would end up in second place with 22.2 percent after having 7,150 votes ruled invalid. Ruling party candidate Jude Celestin would drop to third place with 21.9 percent after losing 17,220 votes.

"Should this recommendation be implemented, the position of the candidate in third place would change to second and the candidate now in second place would move to third," the draft report states directly. Former first lady Mirlande Manigat would remain in first place with 31.6 percent of the vote after having 13,830 of her votes thrown out.

The team included electoral, technical and statistical experts from France, the United States, Canada, Jamaica and the OAS. It reviewed a sample of the vote — roughly 16.9 percent of the votes cast — along with ballot boxes and bags, user access logs and other material.

The team decided not to recommend throwing out the first-round vote and conducting a new nationwide election, as some observers and candidates have requested. "A new election would involve more contests and candidacies than the evidence



Demonstrators protest against Haiti's electoral council and Haiti's President Rene Preval in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Monday, Jan. 10, 2011.

Associated Press

warranted," it said, adding that it would be too expensive and "subject the Haitian people to a further lapse in constitutional governance."

It also decided not to recommend a partial do-over in "certain problematic locations" or a nationwide recount.

Preval's term is scheduled to end on Feb. 7, but could remain in power until May because he was inaugurated late in 2006. □

## Official: Dominican Republic to continued deporting migrants

By EZEQUIEL ABIU LOPEZ

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — The Dominican Republic's top immigration official said Monday the nation will keep deporting Haitian migrants despite criticism by human rights groups of stepped up efforts to catch illegal border crossers.

The government sent roughly 1,000 Haitians back to their earthquake-shattered homeland last week, deploying soldiers and immigration officials to set up border patrols and surprise checkpoints last week along highways, asking people aboard public buses and vans for their papers.

Dominican immigration director Sigfrido Pared said Monday that the government is compelled to resume immigration enforcement to prevent the flow of illegal Haitian migrants since last January's earthquake and to stop the

spread of cholera, which has killed more than 3,000 people in Haiti and sickened about 150 in the neighboring Dominican Republic.

He also said the crackdown is urgent "because a massive entry of Haitians always occurs in January."

Amnesty International has asked the Dominican government to increase efforts to help Haiti instead of deporting Haitians. "Returning people is condemning them to a situation where their health and security would be at great risk," senior Amnesty adviser Javier Zuniga said Friday.

Pared said the human rights group's criticism was unfair.

"If there has been a country in the world which has shown solidarity with Haiti since January 12, it has been the Dominican Republic," said Pared, adding that the illegal migrants' rights were being respected. □



# Basque militants call permanent Spain cease-fire

DANIEL WOOLLS

Associated Press

MADRID (AP)—The militant Basque separatist group ETA declared a permanent cease-fire on Monday in what it called a firm step toward ending its bloody decades-long independence fight, but Spain's government quickly dismissed the announcement and demanded ETA disband outright.

Masked ETA members announced the cease-fire in a video distributed to Spanish media, and ETA's statement also appeared on the website of the pro-independence Basque newspaper Gara, which often serves as an ETA mouthpiece.

But the statement made no mention of ETA dissolving or giving up its weapons — key demands from successive Spanish governments. And a previous ceasefire that ETA

declared in 2006 and called permanent ended after only nine months.

Interior Minister Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba said Spanish governments and mainstream Spanish political parties have maintained that all they want to hear from ETA is that it is disarming and giving up.

"It is evident that once again today, ETA has not done what we democratic parties expected," he said in a brief appearance before reporters. He took no questions.

Europe's last major violent political militant group declared a cease-fire in September but gave no details about how long it would last. The statement issued Monday specified that the group now supports a "permanent and general cease-fire which will be verifiable by the international community."

It added: "This is ETA's firm

## Report: Chinese troops cross into Indian territory

NIRMALA GEORGE

Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) — Armed Chinese soldiers infiltrated Indian territory and threatened construction workers near a disputed border in September, Indian media reported Monday. The Chinese incursion took place in the Himalayan region of Kashmir, the Press Trust of India said without citing a source for the information.

Chinese soldiers threatened an Indian contractor and his workers who were building a bus station near Demchok in India's Leh region along the so-called Line of Actual Control that divides India and China. Construction work has been halted since then, the report said.

China has made similar incursions previously, the most serious in 1962 when the two sides fought a brief border war. The incident underscores the tensions that exist between the Asian giants stemming from India's swift economic growth and the increasing challenge it poses to China's dominance of the region. On Monday, India's army chief, Gen. V. K. Singh, played down the incident saying it may have occurred over "a difference in perception" of where the border lies. Singh said the Line of Actual Control as perceived by India "runs in a particular direction, while the Chinese have a different alignment of the Line." India's External Affairs Ministry in a statement later said the media reports were baseless and did not conform to fact.

"They are, therefore, not a cause for concern. It will be recollected that there are differences in perception, between India and China, on the Line of Actual Control in this area," the statement said. □



**In this image made from video, masked members of the militant Basque separatist group ETA raise their fists as they declare a permanent cease-fire in a video distributed to Spanish media Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, in what it called a firm step toward ending its bloody decades-long independence fight, but Spain's government quickly dismissed the announcement and demanded ETA disband outright.**

Associated Press

commitment toward a process to achieve a lasting resolution and toward an end to the armed confrontation."

ETA said in Monday's statement it is open to dialogue and negotiation but it also reiterated standard ETA positions, such as its belief that the Basque people have the right to decide whether to remain part of Spain or break away.

Perez Rubalcaba said ETA had maintained a catalogue of demands and an arrogant tone. "In other words, ETA still wants a price to be paid for ending violence," he said.

The minister added: "If you ask me if this is the end (of ETA), I would say no. If you ask me if this what Spanish society hoped for, I would say definitely not. Put another way, is this bad news? It is not. But it is not THE announcement."

Kepa Aulestia, a former ETA member who now works as a political commentator and journalist in the Basque region, agreed that ETA is resisting giving up without some kind of concession from a government that seems determined not to make any, after getting burned by negotiating with ETA in 2006 only to see that year end with a huge ETA car bombing that killed two at Madrid airport. He called ETA extremely weak after years of arrests

and dwindling support at the grassroots level.

"We are witnessing a tug of war that ETA is trying to maintain to the effect that it is not yet ready to go away definitively," Aulestia said from Bilbao, the region's main city.

ETA is considered a terrorist organization by Spain, the European Union and the United States. It has killed more than 825 people since the late 1960s, but has recently been decimated by arrests and dwindling support.

Its outlawed political wing, Batasuna, wants to create a new party that rejects violence and turns its leaders into legitimate politicians. Batasuna, which was banned in 2003, is now backed by some mainstream Basque parties and civic groups, and has become increasingly vocal in its new position that blowing up police cars and shooting politicians is hindering Basques' cherished but unlikely goal of a country of their own.

In Spain, speculation has been rife for weeks that ETA would issue a new statement, but the government had urged caution, saying the group has raised hopes before only to dash them.

Ex-Batasuna leaders say they want their party to have a new voice in the small but wealthy

region of northern Spain, a proud patch that boasts its own ancient language and culture and already enjoys a broad degree of self-rule.

ETA's political supporters hope to field candidates for Basque municipal elections scheduled for May of this year, and face political and financial oblivion if they are shut out. Rubalcaba said that in order for Batasuna to field candidates, either ETA has to dissolve or Batasuna has to renounce links with ETA. He said neither of these has happened.

Now, the key thing to watch is whether Batasuna takes steps on its own to regain legal status. If it does, this could cause a rupture with ETA over the mid- to long-term, Aulestia said.

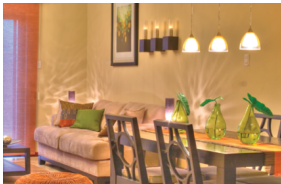
ETA declared what it called a permanent cease-fire in 2006 — after the government had said it would be willing to negotiate it if did — but that truce ended up lasting just nine months as talks with the government went nowhere. ETA resorted to violence in December 2006 with the car bombing that killed two people at Madrid's Barajas airport.

ETA's last deadly attack in Spain was a July 2009 car bomb that killed two policemen on the Mediterranean island of Mallorca. □



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## Violence breaks out by Sudan's north-south border

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Associated Press

JUBA, Sudan (AP) — Violence in the disputed region of Abyei has killed at least 30 people along Sudan's north-south divide, officials said Monday. Observers fear the latest unrest could spark more fighting amid an otherwise peaceful and jubilant independence referendum in the south.

Abyei remains the most contentious sticking point between north and south following a two-decade civil war that left 2 million dead. Even President Barack Obama, who applauded this week's historic referendum on independence in the south, warned that violence in the Abyei region should cease.

United Nations spokesman Martin Nesirky said Monday the organization is "extremely concerned" about the reports of clashes and casualties in Abyei.

"The mission is in the process of confirming the numbers (of casualties), and containing the situation with enhanced patrols and engaging with the top leadership," Nesirky said at a regular news briefing at U.N. headquarters.

Abyei, which holds oil deposits, had been promised

its own self-determination vote, but now whether it remains part of Sudan or joins an independent south will be decided in negotiations that so far have made little progress. Jubilant voters flooded polling stations for a second day on Monday. The seven days of balloting are likely to produce an overwhelming vote for independence, and Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir has said he will let the oil-rich south secede peacefully.

The Southern Sudan Referendum Commission said Monday that voter turnout reached 20 percent in the Southern Sudan; and 14 percent in the north of the country.

The commission said it decided to extend voting by one hour every day to give the voters more time to cast their ballots and expected the final results to be announced by Feb. 7, leaving a five day period for appeals, before announcing the final and uncontested results on Feb. 14.

Meanwhile, conflicting accounts emerged Monday concerning the latest violence in the region straddling the north-south divide, and both sides accused armed forces of being in Abyei in violation of the peace agreement that



A polling staff member talks on his mobile while taking a break at a polling center, with a low output of Southern Sudanese voters, during the second day of the referendum in the suburb of Mandela on the outskirts of the capital Khartoum, Sudan Monday, Jan. 10, 2011.

Associated Press

ended the 1983-2005 civil war.

Col. Philip Aguer, the spokesman for Southern Sudan's military, said Arabs from the Misseriya tribes and fighters from a former Khartoum-backed militia killed 20 police and wounded 30 more during an attack with anti-tank weapons and artillery in the village of Maker-Adhar on Sunday.

The Misseriya, a nomadic cattle-herding tribe, sometimes cross into Abyei with cattle. Aguer, though,

said he believes the attack was planned. "They were not with cattle, they were coming for (an) attack," he said.

Bashtal Mohammed Salem, a tribal leader, meanwhile accused police of killing 10 herders in about the same general area. He also said that southern security forces have increased their presence in Abyei in violation of the agreement.

"They want to keep us out of the area and declare independence unilaterally," he said.

Aguer said the Misseriya were accompanied by uniformed men known as the Popular Defense Forces, a former militia that has been integrated into Sudan's military. There was no immediate comment from the Khartoum-based government on the allegations. A U.N. official said the southern government has asked for help in evacuating the wounded police. The official was not allowed to be identified because the information hadn't been made public. □



# Berenson asks to remain free on parole in Peru



U.S. activist Lori Berenson, left, sitting next to her mother Rhoda Berenson, waits before attending a hearing at a court in Lima, Peru, Monday Jan. 10, 2011. Berenson, from New York, addressed a criminal appeals court as prosecutors called for her parole to be revoked and for her to be sent back to prison to finish her 20-year sentence for aiding the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, arguing that a May decision granting parole was riddled with errors.

LIMA, Peru (AP) — U.S. activist Lori Berenson asked a Peruvian court Monday not to revoke her parole and send her back to prison to finish a 20-year sentence for aiding leftist rebels, saying she regrets her actions and is not a danger to society.

*Associated Press*  
Speaking at a hearing in the capital, Lima, Berenson said she wants to dedicate herself to raising her young son, born while she was behind bars. "I reaffirm everything said in the Aug. 18 hearing: That I believe I am not a danger to society, that I acknowledge

my responsibility in the crime I committed and that I feel repentant about it," Berenson told the judges. Berenson was first granted parole May 27 after serving three-quarters of her sentence, then was sent back to prison Aug. 18 on a technicality. The same judge who first freed Berenson reinstated her parole in November. However prosecutors are still fighting the decision. Prosecutor Julio Galindo said Berenson was improperly allowed to apply for time off due to work or study, a benefit that should not be available to those convicted of terrorism. "In our judgment ... the prisoner Lori Berenson should not be free at this time," Galindo said Monday. Anibal Apari, Berenson's attorney and the father of her son, disputed that argument, saying Peruvian law does not prohibit sentence reduction and parole in terror convictions. Berenson was arrested in 1995 and accused of helping

the leftist Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement plan an armed takeover of Congress. The attack never happened, but prosecutors said that among other things, Berenson helped the group rent a safe house. A military court convicted her the following year and sentenced her to life in prison for sedition, but after intense U.S. government pressure, she was retried in civil courts in 2001 and sentenced to 20 years for terrorist collaboration. Berenson was completely unrepentant at the time of her arrest but softened during years of sometimes harsh prison conditions, eventually being praised as a model prisoner. In May, she apologized in a letter for any hurt she may have caused. Yet she is viewed by many as a symbol of the 1980-2000 rebel conflict that claimed 80,000 lives. The fanatical Maoist Shining Path movement did most of the killing, while Tupac Amaru

was a lesser player. "Lori Berenson has been made into the personification of political violence in a totally disproportionate creation," Apari said at Monday's hearing. Berenson has acknowledged helping the Tupac Amaru rent the safe house where authorities seized a cache of weapons after a shootout, but she insists she didn't know guns were being stored there. She denies ever belonging to Tupac Amaru or engaging in violent acts. The court has 15 workdays to decide whether to revoke parole. If Berenson is ultimately sent back to serve out the remainder of her sentence, it could mean separation from her 20-month-old son, Salvador, since children cannot live with their mothers in Peru's prisons past age three. "I am living in society, I am dedicating myself full-time to my child," Berenson told the judges. "It is my right and my duty to do so. ... I hope not to lose him." □

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# MELO MADNESS: Nets continuing talks on Anthony deal

Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony (15) bumps Sacramento Kings guard Francisco Garcia during the first half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, in Denver.

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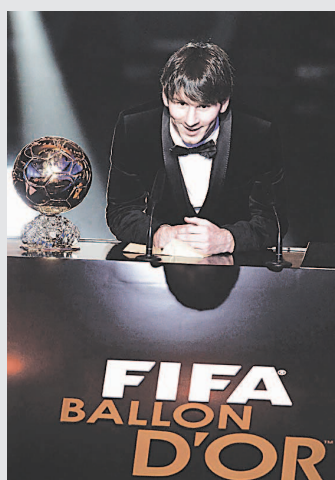
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### BALL OF MESSI



Argentina's soccer player Lionel Messi delivers a speech after he was awarded with the FIFA Ballon d'Or, footballer of the year 2010, during a ceremony in Zurich, Switzerland, Monday, Jan. 10, 2011.

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### Jonathan Byrd wins PGA Tour opener

DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Jonathan Byrd opened the PGA Tour season by winning the Tournament of Champions in dramatic fashion Sunday, beating Robert Garrigus in a sudden-death playoff when Garrigus missed a 3-foot par putt on the second extra hole.

Byrd qualified for Kapalua by making a hole-in-one in near darkness to win a three-man playoff in Las Vegas, as dramatic a finish as there was on tour last year. He won this playoff under far more different circumstances.

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## GARDEN PARTY



### *Kobe, Lakers rip Knicks in testy affair*

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) dunks the ball against the New York Knicks during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, in Los Angeles. Lakers won the game 109-87.

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**Jonathan Byrd holds up his trophy on the 18th green after winning the Hyundai Tournament of Champions golf tournament in Kapalua, Hawaii Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011. Byrd defeated Robert Garrigus on the second hole of a playoff to win the tournament.**

*Associated Press*

#### JONATHAN BYRD

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He nearly holed a 50-foot birdie putt on the opening hole on the Plantation Course, leaving him a tap-in par. Byrd stood off to the side of the green, waiting to go to the next hole, when Garrigus missed the easy putt.

It gave Byrd his fifth career

victory, and this came with a few perks. Byrd earned an automatic invitation to the Masters, and with his second win in the last two months, is exempt for the U.S. Open.

Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland nearly joined the Americans in the playoff. The U.S. Open champion, coming off a dream season,

matched the Plantation Course record with an 11-under 62 and finished one shot behind. McDowell had a 10-foot birdie putt on the last hole that just missed.

Byrd and Garrigus, who missed a 12-foot eagle putt on the 18th in regulation, finished at 24-under 268.

Garrigus was always behind after a bogey on the opening hole, was never out of the hunt. He always had the 688-yard, downhill 18th waiting for him, and he again took advantage. Garrigus ripped a 5-wood that caught the grain and the slope perfectly, some 12 feet short of the hole. His eagle putt didn't have enough speed, however, and caught the lower side of the cup.

Byrd, playing in the final group, couldn't reach the green because of the wind into his face. His wedge came up well short, and his 18-foot birdie putt for the win didn't have a chance.

Despite the length advantage for Garrigus, Byrd had the best chance to win the first playoff hole on the 18th. His

pitch stopped 10 feet short of the hole, but his second chance at birdie for the win slid by the cup.

Garrigus had a 73-yard advantage off the tee on the second extra hole, but his approach was 40 feet short, and his birdie putt to win was hit too hard, leaving him a nervy 3-footer that he missed. "That putt was a microcosm of how I feel right now. This hole kind of got me this week," said Garrigus, who bogeyed No. 1 in regulation and was 4-over par the five times he played it. "Hopefully, I might it back here next year."

The tournament ended with a bizarre twist, much like the rest of the week went.

It started with two-time defending champion Geoff Ogilvy of Australia having to pull out with 12 stitches in his finger from a freak injury in the ocean.

The next day, Camilo Villegas of Colombia was disqualified because of a rules violation that was reported through Twitter.

"I just played solid all day,"

Byrd said. "I was a little anxious, a little nervous. I didn't play the last two holes as well as I wanted."

McDowell started the final round six shots out of the lead, and he told one of the locker room attendants that he probably would need a 59 to have any kind of chance.

He ran off four straight birdies early in the round to make the turn in 30 and get within range. After scolding himself for missing an 8-foot birdie try on the 12th, McDowell responded with four straight birdies, including a 20-footer down the slope on the 15th after playing a safe pitch.

But on the par-5 18th, McDowell hit a risky pitch that flew toward the pin and checked up 8 feet short. His firm putt didn't catch all the break, and he had to settle for par for the fourth straight round.

"It was just a fun day out there," McDowell said. "This golf course is just 'green light' all day. You can see from the scoring, there's a lot of birdies, and it's a lot of fun." □

## Oosthuizen wins playoff to take Africa Open title

EAST LONDON, South Africa (AP) — British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen won a three-way playoff on the first hole to secure the Africa Open title at the East London Golf Club on Sunday.

The South African, who finished the tournament with a 16-under 276, sank a 12-footer on the 18th to dash the hopes of England's Chris Wood and Spaniard Manuel Quiros.

It was Oosthuizen's first victory since the British Open at St. Andrews in July.

"It's a great way to start the season. This is my first European Tour title in South Africa and I'm quite ecstatic about that," Oosthuizen said. "I'm looking forward to the whole year, playing half in America and Europe. I'm looking forward to contending on both money lists."

Defending champion Charl Schwartzel of South Africa posted a final-round 70 to finish joint third alongside countryman Jaco van Zyl and Steven O'Hara of Scotland on 15 under.

Oosthuizen struggled with his control off the tee throughout the early going of the final round but managed to find his touch on the 545-yard 15th. A solid — and straight — drive set up an eight-iron on to the green. From there Oosthuizen sank a 15-footer for eagle and a share of the lead.

"I got the line right for once," Oosthuizen said.

His waywardness off the tee returned on the playoff hole when he hooked his drive left. However, the South African salvaged the hole with an approach shot to within 12 feet.

Quiros' chip from the fringe for birdie was unsuccessful and Wood's 25-footer narrowly missed the hole, leaving Oosthuizen to hole out and take the win.

Joint overnight leader Markus Brier of Austria shot a final-round 73 and finished three shots back. □

## Al-Attiyah grabs lead from Sainz in Dakar Rally



**Volkswagen's Nasser Al-Attiyah, from Qatar, and co-driver Timo Gottschalk, from Germany, compete during the eighth stage of the 2011 Argentina-Chile Dakar Rally between Antofagasta and Copiapo, Chile, Monday, Jan. 10, 2011.**

*Associated Press*

COPIAPO, Chile (AP) — Nasser Al-Attiyah overtook Volkswagen teammate Carlos Sainz to take the overall lead in the cars category of the Dakar Rally by winning Monday's eighth leg.

Al-Attiyah finished 6 minutes, 36 seconds ahead of Sainz to push him 5:14 ahead of the defending champion in the overall standings. Giniel

de Villiers of South Africa was third in the stage, 17:22 behind, and 48:45 back to be third overall.

In bikes, Spain's Marc Coma won the stage and stretched his overall lead over Cyril Despres. Coma finished 1:55 ahead of Despres, the defending champion, and 4:21 ahead of Francisco Lopez Contardo of Chile. Coma leads

his KTM teammate Despres in the overall by 9:19. Lopez Contardo is third, trailing by 22:48.

The victory gave a giant boost to Al-Attiyah, who finished second last year to Sainz.

"I can control the race now," said Al-Attiyah, who said this stage was one of his favorites.

"In the last section of dunes, we were pushing at a maximum because that was where we had to take the time from Sainz. I'm quite happy to win the stage, quite happy. It was a difficult stage because I was opening all the way, but the dunes are my favorite terrain and I was really pushing to the limit."

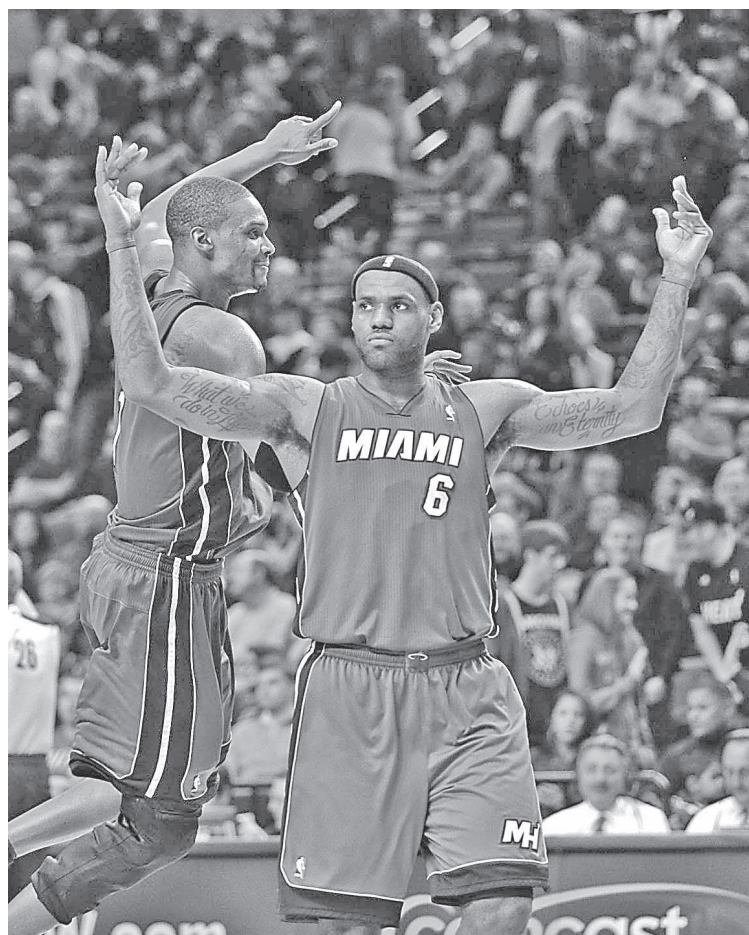
Barring a major accident, cars and bikes are now just two-man races.

The rally stays in the Copiapo area for the ninth stage on Tuesday before heading back across the Andes to Argentina on Wednesday. The rally ends Sunday in Buenos Aires. □









Miami Heat's LeBron James (6) and teammate Chris Bosh celebrate their victory over the Portland Trail Blazers during an NBA basketball game Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, in Portland, Ore. The Heat defeated the Trail Blazers 107-100.

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — LeBron James had 44 points, 13 rebounds and six assists and Dwyane Wade added 34 points as the Miami Heat beat the Portland Trail Blazers 107-100 in overtime Sunday in the NBA.

James buried two deep 3-pointers and made two free throws in the extra period for the Heat (30-9), who have won 21 of their last 22 games after a slow start to the season. Chris Bosh added 18 points and eight rebounds. The Big Three combined for all but 11 of Miami's points.

The victory was the Heat's 13th straight on the road. Miami is now three road wins away from tying the NBA record held by the 1971-72

Los Angeles Lakers.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 31 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists for the Blazers.

**Lakers 109, Knicks 87**

In Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant scored 27 points and Andrew Bynum added 18 points and seven rebounds before being ejected as the Los Angeles Lakers topped New York in a physical, foul-plagued game. Pau Gasol had 20 points and 14 rebounds for the Lakers, who dominated undersized New York in the paint and on defense to capture their seventh straight win over the Knicks.

The second half got testy, with numerous hard fouls and arguments between the players. Ron Artest

## NBA Roundup

# James scores 44 to lead Heat past Trail Blazers

earned a flagrant foul after clotheslining New York's Amare Stoudemire on a drive to the hoop and Bynum was ejected for arguing with a referee after being called for a foul while defending Stoudemire.

Stoudemire scored 18 of his 23 points after halftime for the Knicks, whose three-game winning streak ended.

**Hornets 96, Nuggets 87**

In Denver, Carmelo Anthony scored just eight points and was booed by the home crowd as New Orleans beat the Nuggets in one of the worst performances of the superstar's career.

The loss put a sour finish on a day filled with speculation that Anthony's departure from Denver was close after 7½ seasons. A person with knowledge of the discussions told The Associated Press on Sunday night the Nuggets were closing in on a deal that would send Anthony to New Jersey in a three-team trade. Anthony had taken just five shots before the fourth quarter and finished 3 for 11 from the floor.

Chris Paul scored 20 points and David West had 19 to lead New Orleans.

**Raptors 118, Kings 112**

In Toronto, Andrea Bargnani scored 30 points and DeMar DeRozan had 28 to help Toronto hold off lowly Sacramento.

Leandro Barbosa added 18 points — including 11 in

the fourth quarter — for the Raptors, who had dropped 13 of their previous 17 games.

After DeMarcus Cousins scored on a dunk, a tip-in and a layup to bring the Kings to within one point with 1:06 remaining, Bargnani made a 3-pointer and Barbosa grabbed the rebound on a missed 3 at the other end to seal the victory.

Beno Udrih scored 25 points and Carl Landry had 22 for the Kings, who dropped their 10th straight road game.

**Clippers 105, Warriors 91**

In Los Angeles, Eric Gordon scored 25 points and Blake Griffin had 23 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Clippers over Golden State.

Baron Davis added 17 points and 11 assists for the Clippers, who won for the seventh time in 10 games after a 5-21 start to the season.

The rookie Griffin reached double figures in points and rebounds for a club-record 23rd consecutive game.

Dorell Wright scored 27 points for the Warriors, who had won six of nine. Monta Ellis, the NBA's third-leading scorer, managed just 13 points on 4 for 19 shooting.

**Spurs 94, Timberwolves 91**

In San Antonio, Manu Ginobili scored 14 of his 21 points in the second quarter as San Antonio rallied to beat Minnesota.

San Antonio won its 15th straight game over the Timberwolves — the league's

longest current winning streak against an opponent.

George Hill's free throws with 3:24 in the fourth gave the Spurs a 94-86 lead, but they did not score again. Luke Ridnour's 3-pointer with 1:40 left cut the lead to 94-91, but he missed another 3-point shot to tie the game with 31 seconds remaining.

Kevin Love had 18 points and 17 rebounds and Ridnour added 16 points in Minnesota's fourth straight loss.

**Suns 108, Cavaliers 100**

At Phoenix, Steve Nash had 20 points and 15 assists as the Suns handed undermanned Cleveland its 10th straight loss.

The loss was the 20th in 21 games for the Cavaliers, who also lost center Anderson Varejao for the season Sunday after an MRI showed the Brazilian had torn his ankle tendon.

Jared Dudley came off the bench to score 21 points and Vince Carter added 19 for Phoenix.

Rookie Manny Harris scored a season-high 27 points and J.J. Hickson had 23 points and 17 rebounds for Cleveland.

**In other NBA games it was Toronto 118, Sacramento 112; L.A. Clippers 105, Golden State 91; San Antonio 94, Minnesota 91; Phoenix 108, Cleveland 100; Miami 107, Portland 100, OT; New Orleans 96, Denver 87; and L.A. Lakers 109, New York 87.** □



In this Sept. 13, 2008 file photo, Spanish rider Alberto Contador rides during the the 13th stage of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race in Angliru, Spain.

Associated Press

## Spain body waits on UCI, WADA in Contador case

PAUL LOGOTHETIS,  
AP Sports Writer

MADRID (AP) — The Spanish cycling federation is seeking feedback from the UCI and WADA before ruling on Alberto Contador's doping case, the national body's president said Monday.

Contador faces a possible two-year ban and loss of last year's Tour de France title after a positive drug test that the Spanish cyclist blamed on eating contaminated meat.

Spanish cycling chief Juan Carlos Castano told The Associated Press that

his federation hopes to rule on Contador's case by the end of January but is first waiting to hear the views of experts from both cycling's governing body and the World Anti-Doping Agency.

"We don't want the UCI or WADA to rule on the case — the disciplinary committee just considers the opinion of both the UCI and WADA's experts as being important for the sake of the athlete," Castano said in a telephone interview. "We just want various opinions so we can take the best decision possible."

Castano stressed that his organization is

not trying to duck its responsibility. The national body has been accused of being too lenient on its own athletes in previous doping cases, and Castano was among a number of high-level officials in Spain who supported Contador immediately after his positive case was disclosed.

The UCI confirmed Monday it had received all documents in the case from the Spanish federation, known as the RFEC, in December and was processing the scientific review request. The Swiss body said it would provide its results as quickly as possible. □



# AP Source: Nets continuing talks on Anthony deal

By TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer

NEWARK, N.J. — The Nets are closing in on a deal to bring Carmelo Anthony to New Jersey.

Talks on a three-team trade with the Denver Nuggets and Detroit Pistons continued Monday, a person with knowledge of the discussions told The Associated Press.

The trade would reunite Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton in New Jersey along with Anthony, the person said on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to publicly discuss the talks.

The three teams negotiated over the weekend and the source said the deal was "advancing."

However, there are potential

roadblocks.

The deal would fall apart if Anthony refused to sign a three-year, \$65 million contract extension with the Nets. Billups also has said he would be reluctant to leave Denver.

Anthony refused to discuss a potential deal before the Nuggets played New Orleans in Denver on Sunday night. He said afterward he didn't think a 96-87 loss was his last game in a Nuggets uniform.

"Uh-uh, not at all," he said, repeating the phrase "not at all" four times.

Asked if that was an indication he wouldn't sign the extension so the trade with the Nets could be consummated, Anthony demurred, saying: "I haven't heard anything. Only,

that it's just been speculation as of right now."

Anthony noted that team executive Josh Kroenke and general manager Masai Ujiri "are not even here, so I don't see that happening."

In what time frame was he referring to?

"I'm just saying I don't see it happening right now," Anthony said.

This week sometime?

"No."

The Nets were close to acquiring Anthony during the preseason, but a four-team deal that included Utah and Charlotte fell through. Talks progressed recently with the inclusion of Detroit.

The Nets would send rookie power forward Derrick Favors, point guard Devin Harris and

## Cavs lose Varejao for season

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — The losses won't stop for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Scrappy, steady center Anderson Varejao is done for the season with a torn ankle tendon that will require surgery, another major blow to the bottoming-out Cavs, who are not close to recovering after star LeBron James left as a free agent last summer.

"It's a big blow," first-year coach Byron Scott said in Phoenix before the Cavaliers played the Suns. "Arguably, he's been our best player."

Varejao got hurt while running in practice on Thursday as the

Cavs prepared for a five-game road trip. He was placed in a walking boot and traveled with the team. He missed Friday's game against Golden State as team doctors waited for his injury to "calm down." On Sunday, he underwent a second MRI in Phoenix that revealed "a complete tear of the peroneus longus in the midfoot of the right ankle and foot."

Varejao's injury will likely require surgery. After a stop in Los Angeles to see family, he will return to Cleveland for further treatment and evaluation.

Scott said Varejao was injured when he was running up

and down the court during a simple drill.

"He was just running," Scott said. "Then he planted, touched the line and ran to the other end. And then he just buckled."

"I feel terrible because of the way he's been playing."

It's more devastating news for the Cavs, who dropped their 10th straight on Sunday night, 108-100 to the Suns and have lost 20 of 21. Varejao, averaging a team-best 9.7 rebounds and 9.1 points, is also the team's best interior defender and provides constant energy with his hustle. □



Denver Nuggets small forward Carmelo Anthony looks on during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the New Orleans Hornets Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, in Denver.

Associated Press

others to Denver in the three-team deal that would get them Anthony, Billups, Hamilton, Shelden Williams and Terrico White, who is injured.

The Pistons would get veteran Troy Murphy and center Johan Petro. Murphy has a nearly \$12 million contract that will expire after this season.

Anthony can become a free agent next summer. He has refused to sign the contract extension the Nuggets offered

him last summer.

Billups and Hamilton were the starting backcourt for the Pistons team that won the 2004 NBA title and remained teammates until Detroit traded Billups to his hometown club for Allen Iverson.

Billups said he didn't know if a trade was imminent, either. "I don't know nothing new, so I can't tell you nothing new," he said. □

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# Former AFL star Cookie Gilchrist dies at 75

In this September 1962 file photo, Buffalo Bills fullback Cookie Gilchrist (34) is brought down by Boston Patriots' Chuck Shonta (34) during an exhibition football game in Boston. Boston's Nick Buoniconti (85) and Bills' Mack Yoho (81) are at left.

*Associated Press*

By JOHN WAWROW

AP Sports Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Cookie Gilchrist's nickname gave the false impression of a man who might easily crumble.

One of the American Football League's first marquee players, Gilchrist died of cancer Monday at the age of 75.

He was a 251-pound bruiser whose ferocious running style drew comparisons to that of the great Jim Brown, and his grit and single-mindedness extended beyond the football field. Gilchrist took stands against racism and wasn't afraid to demand better contracts. He died early Monday at an assisted living facility near Pittsburgh, nephew Thomas Gilchrist said. He was first diagnosed with throat cancer, and the disease spread to his prostate and colon. "The Bills were very lucky to have procured the services of Cookie Gilchrist, who was one of the greatest fullbacks I have ever seen in all of my years in professional football," said Ralph Wilson, the 92-year-old Buffalo owner. Gilchrist's alluring nickname belied the notion that he might easily crumble. He was a 251-pound bruiser, and his grit and single-mindedness extended beyond the football field. He took stands against racism and wasn't afraid to demand better contracts. Carlton Chester "Cookie" Gilchrist joined the Bills of the AFL in 1962 and spent three seasons there. He was the league's player of the year in 1962, when he had 1,096 yards rushing and a league-leading 13 touchdowns. In 1964, Gilchrist and quarterback Jack Kemp led the Bills to their first of two straight AFL championships. Before joining the Bills he spent six years in the Canadian Football League, where he is regarded as one of its top two-way players. Cornerback Booker Edgerson, a former Bills teammate, said Gilchrist was "just as good and maybe even better" than

Brown. "He and Jim had the same outstanding abilities to play the game," he added.

Edgerson noted that Gilchrist also starred at linebacker in the CFL and wanted to play the position in Buffalo.

"Yeah, he was tough," Edgerson said. "If they would've allowed him to play linebacker, he would've kicked a lot of butt."

Gilchrist led the AFL in yards rushing from 1963-65 and in touchdowns from 1962-64. His most notable game came in Buffalo's 45-14 win over the New York Jets in 1963. He set a then pro football record with 243 yards rushing and became only the fourth player to score five touchdowns — one short of the record set by Ernie Nevers. After Buffalo, Gilchrist spent two seasons with Denver and one with Miami. Retired Buffalo News football writer Larry Felser covered Gilchrist during his days with the Bills and still regards him as the best to play the game. Felser wrote in 2004: "Any time. Any place. Any brand of football. Cookie was, pound for pound, the greatest all-around player I ever saw. He would be a superstar in today's football." Gilchrist also displayed a different kind of toughness. He and a group of black players boycotted the 1965 AFL All-Star Game in New Orleans after they weren't allowed into a bar and had difficulty catching taxi cabs. The game was eventually moved and played in Houston. Gilchrist is the only player to turn down induction into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame. He cited racism and exploitation by team management. Gilchrist had a long-running feud with Wilson after the team waived him in 1964. Gilchrist refused to return to Buffalo to attend alumni functions unless he was paid. Gilchrist and Wilson finally settled their differences last week during a phone conversation, Thomas Gilchrist said. □



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# Nevada caps season with 20-13 bowl win over BC

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO

— Rishard Matthews caught a touchdown pass and returned a punt for another score, and No. 13 Nevada used a strong defensive effort to cap its most successful season ever at college football's highest level by beating Boston College 20-13 in the Fight Hunger Bowl on Sunday night.

Colin Kaepernick threw for 192 yards and a touchdown for the Wolf Pack (13-1), who snapped a four-game bowl losing streak by tying a school record for wins in a season set when it played in what used to be Division I-AA.

This game matched BC's top-ranked rushing defense against Nevada's high-powered pistol attack that was third in the nation in rushing. The Eagles (7-6) did a good job controlling the Wolf Pack on the ground, holding them to a season-low 114 yards — more than 190 below their season average.

Kaepernick was held to 22 yards on nine carries, but managed to top 3,000 yards passing for the season. That allowed him to join Brad Smith and Vince Young as the only FBS quarterbacks to rush

for at least 1,000 yards and throw for 3,000 in the same season.

With an efficient passing day by Kaepernick, the big plays from Matthews and a stout defense, the Wolf Pack were able to snap Boston College's five-game winning streak. The Eagles were held to 185 yards. Freshman Chase Rettig completed 14 of 34 passes for 121 yards and two interceptions. Boston College played without leading rusher Montel Harris, who was listed as the starter but did not play after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery in late November. The teams traded field goals in the third quarter, giving Nevada a 20-10 lead heading into the fourth. Boston College was unable to capitalize on an interception that Luke Kuechly returned to the Wolf Pack 6. But two runs netted just a yard and Rettig threw an incompleteness on third down, forcing the kick.

After Nevada's field goal late in the third, Rettig's was intercepted by Marlon Johnson on a deflected ball that gave Nevada the ball at the BC 41. Vai Taua fumbled the ball right back but once again the Eagles were unable to take advantage.

Helped by a pair of pass interference penalties, BC got a 32-yard field goal from Nate Freese with 3:52 to play to make it 20-13. The Eagles got the ball back at their 10 with 3:06 to go and got a 32-yard pass from Rettig to Chris Pantale on their first play.

Two plays later Khalid Wooten intercepted a pass to seal the win and send the thousands of Nevada fans who drove a few hours from Reno home happy. The Wolf Pack sold about 15,500 tickets, surpassing California and Navy for the most sold in the nine-year history of this game. The attendance of 41,063 was the second largest for the bowl. It included one streaker, who ran on the field in the fourth quarter, causing a brief delay. After an early fumble by Kaepernick led to a 30-yard touchdown run by Andre Williams, Matthews provided the Nevada fans plenty to cheer about in the first half.

First, Matthews got behind the defense as Kaepernick scrambled to his left. Kaepernick then flicked a pass toward the end zone for an easy 27-yard score that tied the game for Nevada.

The Wolf Pack then held the Eagles to a three-and-out



Nevada wide receiver Rishard Matthews (15) holds the game offensive MVP trophy after a win over Boston College during the Fight Hunger Bowl NCAA college football game in San Francisco, Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011. Nevada won 20-13.

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on the next possession and Matthews returned the punt 72 yards to make it 14-7. That was Nevada's first punt return for a score since Oct. 13, 2001. Nevada added a late 32-yard field goal by Anthony Martinez to take a 10-point lead at the half.

The game was sponsored by Kraft, which is using the bowl to promote its efforts to fight hunger in the United States. Instead of a coin for the opening toss, officials tossed an Oreo cookie that was chocolate on one side and vanilla on the other. □

## Pistorius faces up to 'scary' Singleton

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JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius said Monday he faces a "scary" challenge from U.S. rival Jerome Singleton in the 100 meters at the IPC World Championships for disabled athletes in New Zealand later this month.

Pistorius, the king of disabled athletics and world record holder in the 100, 200 and 400 meters, edged out Singleton by 0.03 seconds to win Paralympic gold in Beijing in 2008. The South African beat his American rival by a similarly small margin at a meet in Britain in 2009.

"At the BT Paralympic World Cup last year we crossed the line in the same splits as we did in Beijing," Pistorius said. "The time was

slower but the splits were the same so it's going to be quite scary running against him in Christchurch. I'm definitely expecting it to be my hardest race."

The 24-year-old Pistorius, the defending world champion in the 100, 200 and 400, will spearhead South Africa's 35-member team at the Jan. 21-30 championships.

Hilton Langenhoven, another triple gold medallist from Beijing, and long-distance wheelchair racer and nine-time Boston Marathon winner Ernst van Dyk are also part of South Africa's party.

The team leaves for New Zealand on Tuesday. The IPC World Championships is the last major competition for disabled athletes ahead of the Paralympic Games in London in 2012. □



A Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008 photo from files showing Oscar Pistorius of South Africa, right, crossing the finish line ahead of Jerome Singleton, left, of USA in the Men's 100m T44 final during the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games at the National Stadium in Beijing, China.

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# TENNIS

## Del Potro wins marathon match over Lopez in Sydney



**Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina slips on a wet patch during a light rain shower in his match against Feliciano Lopez of Spain during the Sydney International Tennis Tournament in Sydney, Australia, Monday, Jan. 10, 2011.**

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SYDNEY (AP) — Former U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro, returning from a wrist injury that sidelined him for much of 2010, beat sixth-seeded Feliciano Lopez of Spain 6-7 (5), 7-6 (9), 7-6 (3) Monday in the first round of the Sydney International.

The Argentine saved a match point in the second set and finally prevailed on his first match point in the third-set tiebreaker, hitting a forehand to the open court. The match took more than three hours to complete.

"I didn't expect this kind of

match for the start, but we played a beautiful match, very close," Del Potro said. "Feliciano is a fantastic player on this kind of surface, and I played good tennis again." Florian Mayer of Germany and Sergiy Stakhovsky of Ukraine also advanced. Defending champion Marcos Baghdatis withdrew from the tournament due to a left groin injury he picked up during a training session over the weekend. The second-seeded Cypriot, a 2006 finalist at the Australian Open, was replaced in the main draw by lucky loser Lukasz Kubot of Poland.

In women's play, French Open champion Francesca Schiavone of Italy lost to Alisa Kleybanova of Russia 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-2 and sixth-seeded Jelena Jankovic of Serbia was eliminated by Aravane Rezai of France 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.

Roland Garros runner-up Sam Stosur of Australia advanced to the second round by beating Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium 7-5, 6-4, while seventh-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus beat Ekaterina Makarova of Russia 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 and eighth-seeded Li Na of China defeated Anastasia Rodionova of Australia 6-1, 6-2. □

## Safinalosesanother first-round match

HOBART, Australia (AP) — Former No. 1 Dinara Safina was beaten 6-0, 6-1 by Marion Bartoli of France at the Hobart International on Monday, her second consecutive first-round loss at a warmup tournament for the Australian Open.

The Russian, who is trying to recover her form after a serious back injury, was defeated by Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium in three sets at the Auckland tournament last week.

"She (Safina) was a very tough opponent tonight — if you look at the rallies we played I think it was a really great match," Bartoli said.

"Some days we are really tight and the result goes my way. The score could have much been much tougher."

Bethanie Mattek-Sands of the United States advanced to the second round when Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia retired with a hip injury at the start of the second set after the American won the first set 6-2.

The Australian Open in Melbourne begins Jan. 17. □



**Argentina's soccer player Lionel Messi, left, winner of the FIFA Ballon d'Or, footballer of the year 2010 award, and Marta of Brazil, winner of the FIFA Women's World Player of the Year award, pose with their trophies during a ceremony in Zurich, Switzerland, Monday, Jan. 10, 2011.**

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## Lionel Messi wins FIFA world player award

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ZURICH (AP) — Lionel Messi's mesmerizing performances for Barcelona outweighed a disappointing World Cup, ensuring the Argentina forward was named the world's best player of 2010.

Messi won the FIFA award for a second straight year, finishing ahead of Barcelona teammates Andres Iniesta and Xavi Hernandez.

"It's a very special day for me," Messi said through a translator on receiving the award at a gala ceremony in FIFA's home city.

The 23-year-old Messi amassed 58 goals last year for an exciting Barcelona team which retained the Spanish league title and leads the standings this season.

However, he failed to score in South Africa as Argentina exited in the quarterfinals. Iniesta and Xavi, by comparison, starred for eventual winner Spain.

"I didn't expect to win it today," Messi said. "Already it's a source of happiness to be here with my friends and even more to win it."

Messi obtained 22.65 percent of the votes cast by coaches and captains of national teams plus invited journalists. The original shortlist featured 23 players.

Andres Iniesta finished second with 17.36 percent and Xavi received 16.48 percent to finish third for the second straight year.

All three candidates honed their craft at Barcelona's celebrated La Masia youth academy.

Barcelona has now provided eight winners in the 20-year history of the FIFA honor. Messi follows former Brazil internationals Romario (1994), Ronaldo (1996 and '97), Rivaldo (1999) and Ronaldinho (2004 and '05).

The award was renamed this year after FIFA merged its world player award with the Ballon d'Or trophy, which had been presented to the best player in Europe by France Football

magazine since 1956.

Jose Mourinho won the men's coach award for leading Inter Milan to a treble including the Champions League.

Mourinho beat World Cup-winning Spain coach Vicente del Bosque and Pep Guardiola of Barcelona to the inaugural honor. The Portuguese coach guided Inter to the Italian league and cup double before leaving to join Real Madrid.

"The most important things for me are the collective titles, not the individual ones," Mourinho said.

Brazil forward Marta won the women's player award for a fifth straight year, defeating Germany internationals Birgit Prinz and Kosovo-born Lira Bajramaj.

Marta was rewarded for her outstanding season with United States women's professional league champion Gold Pride. She is a free agent after the Santa Clara, California, club folded in November.

"I'm looking at contracts for the league. For the time being I have nothing confirmed," she said through a translator.

Silvia Neid won the inaugural women's coaching award for her work with the Germany national team, which defends its World Cup title at home in July. Also shortlisted were Maren Meinert, whose Germany Under-20 team was world champion in July, and Pia Sundhage, the Swedish coach of the United States' Olympic champions.

Haitian football received the FIFA fair play award for its recovery from an earthquake which devastated the Caribbean island last January.

The FIFA presidential award was made to Archbishop Desmond Tutu in recognition of South Africa's organization of the World Cup. Tutu praised FIFA President Sepp Blatter for his passion and determination to ensure Africa would host the tournament. □





# 7 Tips for Baby Boomers Turning 65 in 2011

The oldest baby boomers have begun to turn 65 this year. High on their agenda should be signing up for Medicare. Boomers also have important Social Security and career choices to make. Here are seven tips for making retirement decisions at age 65: Sign up for Medicare on time. You can first sign up for Medicare during a seven-month window beginning three months before the month you turn 65. Sign up during the months leading up to your 65th birthday if you want your coverage to begin the month you turn 65. (If your birthday is on the first day of the month, your coverage can start as early as the first day of the prior month.) If you don't

sign up for Medicare Part B during this initial enrollment period, your premiums may increase by 10 percent for each 12-month period that you delay enrollment. If you are still working and covered by a group health insurance plan at work, sign up within eight months of leaving the insurance plan to avoid the penalty.

Schedule your free physical. Beginning this year, Medicare provides a one-time free physical exam within the first 12 months you have Part B coverage by a doctor who agrees to be paid directly by Medicare. The visit may include a review of your health, vision and blood pressure screenings,

education and counseling about preventive care services covered by Medicare, and referrals for treatment you may need. Other preventative services you may be able to get at no out-of-pocket cost include cardiovascular and breast cancer screenings, bone mass measurements, and flu shots. Delay Social Security until next year. While Medicare eligibility for 1946-born baby boomers begins this year, they still will not qualify for the full amount of Social Security benefits they are entitled to. Boomers will have to wait another year, until age 66, if they do not want their entitlement checks to be reduced. Retirees who claim Social Security this year



when they turn age 65 will get about 93.3 percent of their full monthly benefit, because they will be getting payments for an additional 12 months. Social Security payouts further increase for each year

boomers delay claiming up until age 70.

Develop a retirement spending strategy. Before you plunge into retirement, develop a plan for how you will spend down your assets. □

# Docs urge shots as flu season grabs the South, NYC



WASHINGTON — Flu season's arrived with lots of coughing and fever in the South and New York City, and it's sure to spread to the rest of the country. The good news: There's still plenty of vaccine for procrastinators. But don't wait much longer it takes about two weeks for the vaccine's protection to kick in. "Take the opportunity while you've got the chance," advises Dr. Daniel Jernigan of the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention. If this seems like a late start for influenza, not so: We're just getting back to normal after the swine flu pandemic that made the 2009-10 flu season hit unusually early. January and February typically are the worst flu months, and it can drag into March. And this winter, a well-known nasty strain of Type A flu is causing most of the illnesses so far in the U.S. This so-called H3N2 branch of the flu family tends

to trigger more pneumonia and other complications than other forms of influenza.

It's a different story overseas, where swine flu has returned to hit Britain hard and vaccine again is running low there. European health authorities warned the bug was sure to reach the continent next and urged a last-minute effort at boosting vaccinations in countries like France and Germany where protection historically is low.

This year's vaccine does offer triple protection against the swine flu known formally as Type A H1N1 flu, the worrisome H3N2 strain, and the Type B flu that tends to be less severe.

And the U.S. produced more than 160 million doses this year, a record amount. Last year, nearly 114 million doses of seasonal vaccine were used, but lots of the special swine flu vaccine went to waste because it didn't arrive until that outbreak was waning and people had lost interest.

The challenge is getting more people to use this plentiful supply in a year that so far hasn't made much news about illness that can drive vaccination, says Dr. Jonathan Temte of the University of Wisconsin and the American Academy of Family Physicians. He pushes his own patients to be vaccinated, and this year had so many shot-haters flock to the nasal-spray FluMist version that he had to order a second batch.

Dr. Sarah Nafziger is caring for "a ton" of flu patients in the emergency room at the University of Alabama Birmingham and she makes a point of asking why they didn't avoid the misery by getting vaccinated, in hopes they'll remember the lesson. "Most of the time they don't show a lot of remorse," she says, surprised.

The CDC says the flu so far is striking very hard in parts of the South Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi and New York City. Illinois and

Oklahoma also are reporting high levels of flu. It's what Jernigan calls expected levels for the leading edge of the winter's outbreak and that latest count is for the last week of December, the holiday lull when lots of people are home from school and work and thus not trading germs as widely as usual.

Enough Americans either caught swine flu or were vaccinated against it during the last flu season that it's having a difficult time returning here this year, Jernigan says, but a smaller proportion of Britain's population entered this winter similarly protected. Here, the predominant H3N2 strain tends to be especially hard on the very young and very old, he warns. There's also a fair amount of Type B flu circulating. In his health clinic, UAB physician Dr. Stephen Russell is seeing lots of those people who have cough and fatigue lingering for 10 days instead of the usual three or four with that strain. □



# Witness: Jackson doc bought 255 anesthetic vials



LOS ANGELES — A pharmacist testified Monday that the doctor charged in Michael Jackson's death bought 255 vials of a powerful anesthetic in the three months before the singer died from a lethal combination of the drug and other sedatives. Dr. Conrad Murray purchased four shipments of the anesthetic propofol between April 6 and June 10, 2009, said Tim Lopez, owner of Applied Pharmacy Services in Las Vegas, where Murray has a clinic.

Murray bought 130 vials of propofol in 100 milliliter doses and another 125 vials in the smaller dose of 20 milliliters, Lopez said while testifying at a preliminary hearing to determine if there is enough evidence for Murray to stand trial after pleading not guilty to involuntary manslaughter. A coroner's investigator previously testified that 12 vials of propofol were found in the bedroom and closet of the singer's rented mansion after his death.

Lopez said Murray asked him to ship some of the propofol to an address in Santa Monica, Calif. The address belongs to the doctor's girlfriend, although Lopez testified that Murray told him it was one of his clinics. Murray also bought other sedatives from Lopez, according to the testimony. Murray has told police he was concerned Jackson was addicted to propofol, and that he was trying to wean the singer from it.

In other testimony Monday, a retired federal investigator

said he had retrieved an e-mail from Murray's cell phone containing an exchange between the doctor and a London insurance broker handling a policy for Jackson's planned series of comeback concerts. The broker asked Murray on the morning of Jackson's death to address press reports that Jackson was in poor health.

"As far as the statements of his health published by the press, let me say they're all malicious to the best of my knowledge," Murray replied. Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor ruled before the hearing began Monday that the information could be introduced as evidence.

Murray's defense attorney, Ed Chernoff, had described some of the data as brief voicemails. He also said there were 12 screenshots found on the phone.

Pastor said some of the information was protected by attorney-client privilege, but most is not.

Prosecutors have used Murray's phone records to

help create a detailed timeline of the doctor's actions on the day Jackson died.

Prosecutors were poised to focus on the science of what killed Jackson during the second week of the hearing. The hearing has included a significant amount of prosecution evidence. Among the witnesses was a bodyguard who said he was told by Murray to place vials of medicine in bags before calling 911.

Paramedics and an emergency-room doctor with a combined 50 years of experience also said they believed the singer died before he was rushed by a paparazzi-hounded ambulance to a nearby hospital, where efforts failed to revive the pop superstar.

Using phone records and testimony from police and Murray's current and former girlfriends, prosecutors have developed the timeline that shows Murray was on the phone throughout the morning of Jackson's death on June 25, 2009, including after administering propofol to the

singer.

They hope to convince a judge of several key points: that Murray was distracted when he should have been monitoring Jackson, that he delayed calling 911, that he botched CPR efforts and that the singer was dead before help was summoned.

The remainder of the hearing was likely to take a clinical approach, with coroner's officials, propofol experts and police who interviewed Murray taking the stand.

Pastor said Friday that prosecutors told him they were ahead of schedule, although he did not indicate when the hearing may end. Prosecutors appeared to be at least halfway through presenting their case. Defense attorneys rarely present witnesses or their own theories during preliminary hearings. In Murray's case, they did not make an opening statement and have only hinted at potential arguments as they questioned witnesses. Murray could face up to four years in prison if tried and convicted. □

## Fincher, Hooper among Directors Guild nominees

LOS ANGELES — The filmmakers behind Academy Awards favorites "The Social Network" and "The King's Speech" were nominated Monday for the Directors Guild of America's top prize. Along with David Fincher and Tom Hooper, nominees were Darren Aronofsky for

the psychosexual thriller "The Black Swan," Christopher Nolan for the sci-fi blockbuster "Inception" and David O. Russell for the boxing drama "The Fighter."

Fincher and Hooper were chosen for the Facebook tale and the British monarchy saga respectively. The two films

are considered Oscar front-runners, with "The Social Network" dominating awards from key critics groups and "The King's Speech" leading nominees for the Golden Globes, Hollywood's second-biggest film honors.

The Directors Guild winner will be announced at a

Hollywood ceremony Jan. 29.

The guild prizes are one of the best forecasts for the Oscars, whose nominations come out Jan. 25, with the awards following on Feb. 27. Only six times in the 62-year history of the guild awards has the winner failed to take home the Oscar for best director.



PHILADELPHIA — Dick Winters, the Easy Company commander whose World War II exploits were made famous by the book and television miniseries "Band of Brothers," has died in central

## 'Band of Brothers' inspiration Winters dies at 92

Pennsylvania. He was 92.

Winters died last week after a several-year battle with Parkinson's disease, longtime family friend William Jackson said Monday.

An intensely private and humble man, Winters had asked that news of his death be withheld until after his funeral, Jackson said. Winters lived in Hershey, Pa., but died in suburban Palmyra.

The men Winters led expressed their admiration for their company commander after learning of his death. William Guarnere, 88, said what he remembers about Winters was "great leadership."

"When he said 'Let's go,' he was right in the front," Guarnere, who was called "Wild Bill" by his comrades, said Sunday night from his south Philadelphia home. "He was never in the back. A leader personified."

Another member of the unit living in Philadelphia, Edward Heffron, 87, said thinking about Winters brought a tear to his eye.

"He was one hell of a guy, one of the greatest soldiers I was ever under," said Heffron, who had the nickname "Babe" in the company. "He was a wonderful officer, a wonderful leader. He had what you

needed, guts and brains. He took care of his men, that's very important."

Winters was born Jan. 21, 1918, and studied economics at Franklin and Marshall College before enlisting, according to a biography on the Penn State website.

Winters became the leader of Company E, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, on D-Day after the death of the company commander during the invasion of Normandy.

During that invasion, Winters led 13 of his men in destroying an enemy battery and obtained a detailed map of German defenses along Utah Beach. □

Joel and Ethan Coen, the guild and Oscar winners for 2007's "No Country for Old Men," missed out on a nomination this time for their hit Western, "True Grit." Also overlooked was "127 Hours" director Danny Boyle, the guild and Oscar winner for 2008's "Slumdog Millionaire."

The awards are back to an all-male lineup after Kathryn Bigelow became the first woman to win the guild and Oscar directing prizes a year ago for "The Hurt Locker."

Female directors who are considered awards prospects this season include Debra Granik for "Winter's Bone" and Lisa Cholodenko for "The Kids Are All Right." □





# Wall Street slips ahead of earnings, euro up

NEW YORK - Socks cut losses on Monday as the euro gained ground against the U.S. dollar, reflecting reduced worries after calls for Portugal to seek a rescue from its debt crisis.

Sentiment was dampened as pressure mounted for Lisbon to seek an international bailout soon, but losses were capped as investors focused on merger activity in the United States and financial results for the fourth quarter.

Stocks have been helped by some strong economic data heading into the earnings season, leading to six straight week of gains by the Dow and the S&P.

"At least today, the strength in the market has allowed investors to shrug off concerns about European debt," said Michael James, senior trader at Wedbush Morgan in Los Angeles. "The (equities)

market remains in a pretty solid uptrend."

Aluminum company Alcoa Inc (AA.N) is scheduled to be the first Dow component to report results after the market's close. The stock edged up 0.5 percent to \$16.50.

The euro, seen as a proxy for investors' risk appetite, gained 0.6 percent against the U.S. dollar, recovering from a four-month low.

The Dow Jones industrial average (.DJI) dropped 39.02 points, or 0.33 percent, to 11,635.74. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (.SPX) dipped 2.06 points, or 0.16 percent, to 1,269.44. The Nasdaq Composite Index (.IXIC) gained 2.25 points, or 0.08 percent, to 2,705.42.

Merger deals announced on Monday included Duke Energy Corp (DUK.N) agreeing to buy Progress Energy Inc (PGN.N) for \$13.7 billion in

stock. DuPont (DD.N) plans to buy Danisco (DCO.CO), a Danish food ingredient firm, for \$5.8 billion.

Shares of Progress slid 2.2 percent to \$43.75, and Duke fell 1.6 percent to \$17.50. DuPont, a Dow component, fell 1.9 percent to \$48.81.

In company news, LDK Solar Co Ltd (LDK.N) jumped 18.1 percent to \$12.32 after the Chinese solar wafer maker forecast fourth quarter and 2011 revenue well above analysts estimates, signaling strong demand for solar products.

Shares of AT&T Inc (T.N) fell 2 percent to \$28.28 as investors bet sales of an Apple Inc (AAPL.O) iPhone at its bigger rival Verizon Wireless would take away customers from AT&T. Apple rose 1.6 percent to \$341.45, buoying the Nasdaq.

Education stocks slipped



after Strayer Education Inc (STRA.O) said new enrollments at its university fell 20 percent in the winter term, signaling another tough quarter ahead from U.S. for-profit colleges.

Strayer shares plunged 22.8 percent to \$118.35. Corinthian Colleges Inc (COCO.O) tumbled 12.9 percent to

\$4.60, and Apollo Group Inc (APOL.O), which is set to post earnings after the close, lost 4.9 percent to \$36.13.

The benchmark S&P 500 was on track for its first three-day string of losses since late November. Still, it found support near its 14-day moving average, now near 1,264. □

## Delinquency Crisis Hits Reverse Mortgages

The government is moving to head off a growing problem with its reverse mortgage program. Large numbers of elderly borrowers perhaps thousands face possible evictions from their homes because they've stopped making property tax and home insurance payments. While homeowners with reverse mortgages are freed from mortgage payments after taking out the loans, they remain liable for property tax, home insurance, and maintenance expenses. Failure to make these payments can trigger foreclosure and possible eviction.

Most reverse mortgages are made by the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program (HECM). It provides insured protection of reverse mortgage loans made by private lenders, and is available where the youngest homeowner is at least 62 years old and has substantial equity in his or her home. The FHA is part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The volume of HECM loans has averaged about 100,000 a year recently but dropped last year as growing loan losses caused the FHA to tighten its loan underwriting standards. The most recent FHA report lists nearly 520,000 still-active reverse mortgages. Lenders in the HECM program are responsible

for keeping all tax and insurance payments current, in compliance with the government's rules for insuring the loans. If homeowners stop making payments, lenders are allowed to access any remaining home equity to pay taxes and insurance premiums. Once homeowner funds are exhausted, lenders are legally required to advance their own funds for such payments and seek reimbursement from homeowners. However, the HECM insurance program has come under growing financial pressures because of the weakness in housing values and continued financial pressures on borrowers. While the problems are serious enough to have prompted FHA intervention, a HUD spokesman said the agency does not know how many loans currently are delinquent or the severity of delinquencies.

It has ordered reverse mortgage lenders to provide the agency with detailed delinquency reports by February 7.

Up to 20 percent of HECM loans may be in some stage of non-compliance, according to unconfirmed industry reports cited by an executive at one of the counseling agencies that is working to help delinquent borrowers. Peter Bell, president of the National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association, did not respond to repeated requests for comment. □

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# Home Audio Delves into Live Streaming Revolution at Consumer Electronics Show

Home audio and speaker systems always show off the newest designs both stylish and practical at the annual Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Here's a look at five products which made their debut in 2011.

What new home audio products are being made for 3-D televisions?

Samsung has made a cube-like device which integrates an A-V receiver and a Blu-ray player. It's one of the first combo Blu-ray players and receivers

to go mainstream according to CNET. The player/receiver is designed to be incorporated with Samsung's new cube-shaped speakers which are designed to fit on shelves just about anywhere in your home theater design.

## Kinect Motion Control Will Move To TVs and PCs



Change channels on your TV and open documents on your PC with a wave of your hands. That vision of the future, reminiscent of the movie *Minority Report*, is in the process of becoming reality as the technology behind Microsoft's Kinect moves into products beyond the Xbox 360 game console. Israeli company PrimeSense, the developer of the chip that controls motion sensing in the Kinect, is licensing the chip for use in other devices and is releasing the code under an open license.

'Next-Generation User Interface Device'

The company announced last week that its Immersive Natural Interaction technology will be embedded in WAVI Xtion, a "next-generation user interface device" developed by Taiwan-based computer maker ASUS to add PC functionality to TVs. A commercial version is expected to be released during the second quarter, and then rolled out worldwide.

With the controller-free interaction that the new technology makes possible, multimedia content, access to the Internet and social networks, and other PC-based interactions on the TV, as well as TV-based controls, can be conducted entirely through body movements.

The two companies will also introduce Xtion PRO so third-party software developers can incorporate gesture-based interaction into their software products. The tools will be available next month, including an API, and the resulting products

will be available through an upcoming Xtion online store. PrimeSense CEO Inon Beracha said the technology is "a new paradigm" that indicates how all consumer electronics products "will eventually be naturally controlled and operated."

The expansion of the technology comes as Kinect sales continue to boom. Launched by Microsoft in November for its Xbox 360 platform, more than 2.5 million units were sold in the Kinect's first month, and more than eight million have been shipped to retailers. At the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last week, Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer said the company will support moving the gestural-based controller to the Windows PC environment "in a formal way at the right time," although no

specifics were given.

'No Surprise'

Michael Gartenberg, research director at the Gartner Group, said the "most interesting thing" about the Kinect isn't necessarily the game play, "but the gestural control of the console." Because that works so well, he said, "it's no surprise" that the technology would move to TVs and personal computers.

The challenge for other companies seeking to adopt this radically new form of interaction, he said, is "what they actually do" with motion-sensing control, such as creating entirely new forms of interaction. Gartenberg noted that on a PC, that might involve new interfaces, since users are accustomed to keeping their hands on a keyboard for text input and on a mouse or trackpad for cursor control. Gartenberg said the growth of gestural interaction will "absolutely" continue, but he pointed out that, with eight million units moved in a couple of months, "the Kinect is already mainstream." □

## ioSafe Rugged Portable Hard Drive welcomes abuse

ioSafe might not be the largest or best-known makers of ruggedized storage devices on the planet, but the company has made an impression at this year's CES short by abusing its Rugged Portable hard drive in creative ways including submerging the device in water and blasting it with a shotgun...then proving the data is intact. For folks who live a dangerous lifestyle or perhaps just have rambunctious children or siblings the drive provides reasonable assurance that precious data will be intact and recoverable and ioSafe backs that up with up to \$5,000 of third-party data recovery service.

IoSafe says the Rugged Portable drive can handle immersion in either fresh or salt water for up to three days at depths of up to 30 feet and also stand up to immersion in oils, fuels, and other solvents. The drives can withstand drops of up to 20 feet and the titanium version can handle being crushed by up to 5,000 pounds of pressure. (An aluminum version can handle up to 2,500 pounds.) The drives can also handle continuous exposure to sand, salt, fog, rain, ice, and UV radiation for up to 24 hours, meeting MIL-STD-810G specification. □



Samsung's HW-D7000 doesn't have a release date or price yet. The player does have built-in Wi-Fi and is able to have access all kinds of streaming video products and Internet sites. If similar products are to be compared to Samsung's new version, expect a price near \$1,800. Many Samsung products with surprise us with a lower-priced version.

What's AirPlay and how did it factor into the 2011 CES?

AirPlay saw increasing numbers of products at the CES this year. Air Play is Apple's streaming audio service and a few new speakers were introduced. One such item for your iHome theater system is the iW1 stand alone speaker system. The rectangular device sells for \$299 and can play audio from just about any of the popular Apple products.

Beat Week reports the iW1 is wireless in many aspects as it has a rechargeable battery system so it can be put just about anywhere in the house. There's no dock the speaker receives the music signal wirelessly too.

What has Sony done for home theater systems in 2011?

Sony was an industry leader when it produced affordable Blu-ray players and now it has got the newest home audio speakers for Apple products such as the iPod and iPhone. Called HomeShare, Sony has created an entire line of products you can control with your iPhone or iPad.

The beauty of the system is a Wi-Fi enabled touch screen remote control. Plus you can add on several different

types of Sony speakers to the system. CNET reports these new products will be out in March but there's no word on pricing just yet.

Any weird or stylish speakers this year?

Of course, there will be designs which aren't mainstream when it comes to home audio systems. Two such stylish designs got some news time at the 2011 CES.

Slash Gear profiles the iTam Tam docking port that looks like a short stool. One comes in silver and the other pink depending upon your tastes. On top there's an iPod dock so don't try to sit on it if you want to play music. There are three speakers and other component parts in this system which is about two feet tall and costs around \$500. Another stylish audio system is called Play Ball, according to CNET. Two speakers look like large baseballs and the middle component is the docking station. The speakers look like spherical light mounts you see on walls except there are speakers where the light bulbs should be. No word yet on pricing for this item from Moneual Interactive. □

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# MIT rolls out amazing artifacts for 150th birthday

BOSTON – A letter following a chance meeting with Albert Einstein and 1930s research on the perfect cup of coffee are two artifacts in an exhibit to mark the 150th anniversary of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The coffee research, which helped to reshape the food industry, and mathematician Norbert Wiener's letter are among 150 items on display at the MIT Museum. They encompass the scientific, engineering and technological achievements of the university and its distinguished alumni, who include astronaut Buzz Aldrin, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and architect I.M. Pei.

But the exhibition, which is one of a series of events marking MIT's birthday on April 10, also offers a glimpse into the artistic, academic, entrepreneurial and often quirky spirit cultivated on the Cambridge,

Massachusetts campus.

Susan Hockfield, MIT's 16th president, lauded the array of objects, from those that embody perfection to those that are "perfectly ridiculous." "will never come together again quite like they have this anniversary year," said MIT Museum director John Durant at a press preview of the exhibit.

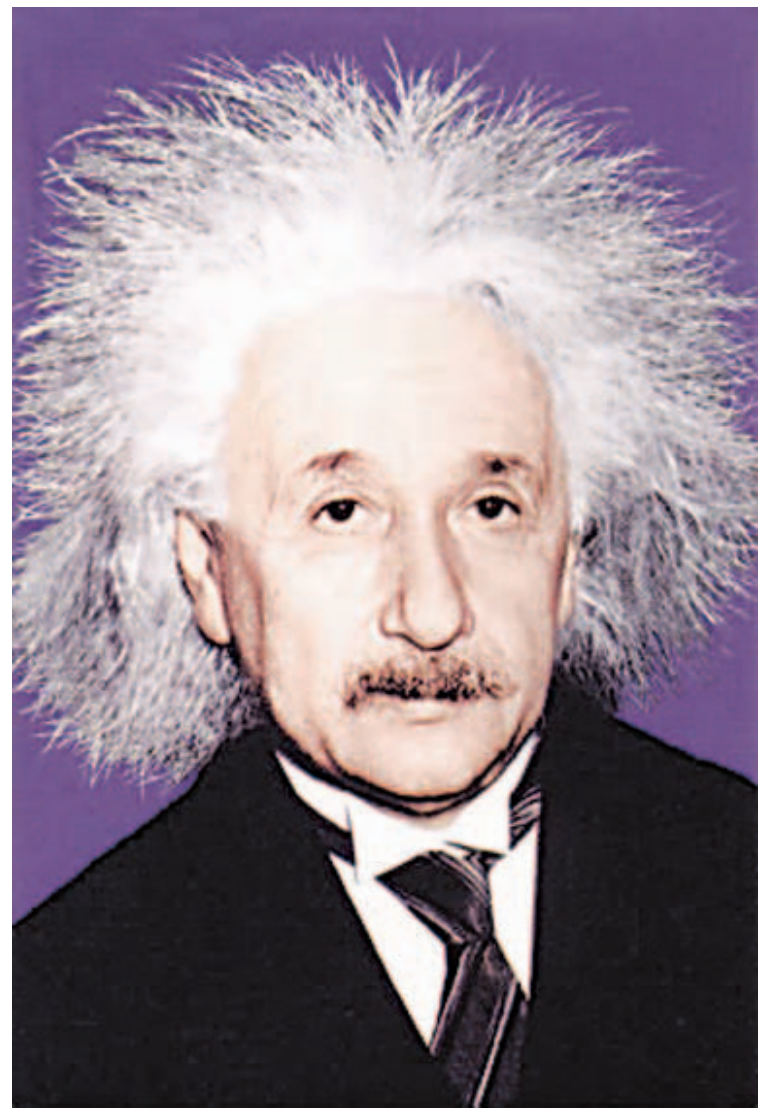
The MIT community helped craft the exhibit, offering suggestions for as many as 700 artifacts that could be included in the display, and casting votes for what they'd like to see.

The Baker House piano drop, on display with other items dubbed "Uniquely MIT", offers a glimpse into ongoing traditions on campus. Students first dropped a piano five stories from the roof of Baker House dormitory in 1972 as a noise experiment. The tradition continues today. The piano dropped in 2010 was sal-

vaged and the remaining heap mis on display.

Exhibit curator Deborah Douglas said one of her favorite objects is sections of patient H.M.'s brain. Research of this patient's brain led to breakthroughs in understanding human memory and brain function, she said. Transporting the brain sections, on loan from The Brain Observatory at the University of California, San Diego, across the country introduced unique challenges to bringing the exhibit together.

The human remains had an MIT escort from California to Massachusetts to ensure safe passage through airport security. Tucked away near the back of the exhibit with the "Problem Solving MIT" artifacts is one of the stars of the show, according to Douglas. She calls the Cavity Magnetron and its representation of the MIT Radiation Laboratory the "most important object" in



the exhibit. Established in 1940, the Radiation Laboratory developed 150 dif-

ferent systems for radar, navigation, early warning, gun direction and blind bombing.

According to the display, the laboratory "represents the institute's single greatest contribution to the nation in response to a crisis during its 150-year history." □



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